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A SACRAMENTO AREA NEWSPAPER FOR WOMEN & MEN OF THE GAY COMMUNITY & FRIENDS

Meet the 'Cowdykes at The Lavender Corral'

Saddle up, podners. Le Theatre Lesbien wants you to grab your hats and guns and meet the "Cowdykes At The Lavender Corral" at 8 p.m. on September 7, 8, 14, 15 in the Playwright's Theatre on the C.S.U.S. campus.

"Cowdykes", a farcical melodrama, by La Marc DuChamps and Cherie Gordon, satirizes various stereotypes which abound in the classic western. Well directed and staged, "Cowdykes" is an action-filled, quick-moving, witty trip through the Old West with its images of bar dykes, a talking horse (female, of course), a U.S. feminist marshal, and the town's villainous, no-count, Samuel Slime — Mayor of Bawdy Badlands. The plot is traditionally melodramatic — the forces of feminist righteousness versus the evils of opposition (a not uncommon theme for modern-day feminists).

Under the direction of Elizabeth Priest, this comical offering promises to become yet another in a series of successful productions for which Le Theatre Lesbien is becoming known. With such prior credits as "Dykes On Parade," "The Frog," and "Homophobia," Le Theatre Lesbien is shooting for another successful hit with "Cowdykes."

Don't miss the opportunity to see "Cowdykes At The Lavender Corral." So get into your best cowdyke drag, sisters and brothers, and prepare to spend an evening with Le Theatre Lesbien in the wild, wild West. "Cowdykes" is rated P.U. — politically unsound or parents unaccompanied (by children). \$3 donation at the door. No advance sales. Because of an increase in room rentals, Le Theatre Lesbien regrets that no child care will be provided at the play.



Photos by Mary Krause

Gay Rights Ordinances Being Studied

The possibility of introducing a gay rights ordinance is being studied by Sacramento community members and the Sacramento City Attorneys office. A community planning meeting will tentatively be planned in the first two weeks of October. Reporter Ed Remitz of the Sacramento Union did an extensive front page article on the ordinance support on August 23, Thursday. If you are interested in attending the planning meeting or would like more information you can call Gary Miller, 454-2176; Victoria Rose, 455-0931; Linda D. Birner, 456-5858.

Public Response By RCBA Gets Results

by Norv Giles

As a result of the exchange of remarks in the media recently, the newly-installed President of the River City Business Association, Norv Giles, has publicly stated his intent to meet with members of local law enforcement agencies. The goal is to establish a channel of communication with all local law enforcement agencies to let them know who and where we are and to make it abundantly clear that there will be a formal public response from the gay community to all future remarks made in the name of law enforcement.

The first meeting with the Community Relations Office of the Sacramento Police Chief's Office has taken place. Norv Giles and Linda Birner spent part of a morning discussing our wishes to have MOM . . . GUESS WHAT . . . distributed throughout the police force; to have the opportunity to explain gay lifestyles to the entire force by means of occasional briefings; and to let Police Chief Kearns know who the leaders of the community are in order to better understand our uniqueness.

Later the same morning we met with Supervisor Sandy Smoley and discussed the editorial in the Bee that day in support of our position. We have also met with Sacramento Mayor Phil Isenberg who wants our support in passing a local ordinance banning hiring discrimination based on sexual preference.

By the time this article appears, we will have met with Sheriff Lowe's office and will have told him that we are in a position to oppose any future candidate for office who does not support our lifestyle and that we will attempt to make him accountable to us for the derogatory stereotypes that his position allows him to perpetuate.

We are out of the closet and on the map and those of us who can be visible without fear of retribution need ALL the support of those who remain anonymously in the wings urging us on. WE NEED YOU!

Gay State Employees Have A Voice

The Advocates for Gay State Employees (AGSE) first met on May 16, 1979, shortly after Governor Brown signed an Executive Order prohibiting discrimination in State service on the basis of sexual preference. The purpose of that first meeting was to establish a group of gay State workers and friends interested in providing input to the State Personnel Board (SPB) regarding implementation of the Order.

Support for gay rights, and the intent of nondiscrimination, were clear in the Executive Order. But, the way in which the SPB implemented its provisions would influence how State departments responded. So, AGSE acted quickly in early June to advise the Executive Officer and five-member Personnel Board, as well as Governor Brown, of the group's existence and desire to be recognized and included.

AGSE has met monthly since that time and identified several issues of concern. AGSE met with Ronald M. Kurtz, Executive Officer of the SPB, and several key managers, who assured AGSE of the opportunity to input at each stage of the implementation process. Personnel Board staff have been very cooperative and interested in attaining mutual goals.

The exchange of information has already resulted in AGSE coalition efforts with a Los Angeles group also dealing with SPB staff on the legal aspects of such an order, and on similar policies in other jurisdictions, such as the State of Pennsylvania.

AGSE is hopeful that the Executive Order will result in or lead to an education process with more universal effect. The group sees its role, in addition to working with SPB on the Executive Order, as one of liaison and resource for State employees, applicants, and government officials alike.

Gay State workers and friends are warmly invited to attend meetings to see what is

happening, to express your concerns, to add to the growing support group, or to simply meet other people with similar interests in a comfortable environment. No dues are required.

The next meeting of AGSE will be on Thursday, September 6, from 6 to 8 pm, at the Incredible Edible Place, Alhambra and N Streets, Sacramento. Plan to join AGSE for dinner! If that date is inconvenient, please watch MGW's "Get the Word Out" for future meeting dates.

Drop AGSE a line at any time to voice support, and/or to input ideas:

Advocates for Gay State Employees
P.O. Box 161866
Sacramento, CA 95816

Washington March Plans Nationwide Transportation

Officials of the October 14 National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights have announced the opening of a 24-hour toll-free National Transportation Information Center. The number is 1-800-528-7382.

Callers to the toll-free Information Center will first be given general information and a basic schedule of March Weekend events. Events currently planned include the March and rally October 14, a National Third World Lesbian/Gay Conference October 12-15, a National Gay Business Breakfast October 14, an International Gay Sports Expo October 13, Congressional Lobbying Visits October 15, various religious services, concerts and other events.

Next, a caller to the information center will be given up-to-the-minute data on transportation available from his/her area to the march — including air, rail, and bus schedules and costs, hotel options, and where to pick up tickets locally. Information about a limited amount of no-cost,

"crash-type" housing will also be available.

Finally, if desired, callers can be arranged in carpools. Using a computer system, this process requires early registration by both riders and drivers.

Final approval for the National Transportation Plan for the March on Washington was authorized at the Houston conference for the March July 6-8. The conference has been termed by spokespersons as "the first regionally, sexually, and ethnically representative conference in gay and lesbian history."

Valley Knights

The Valley Knights Motorcycle Club of Sacramento, Inc., was formed about three and a half years ago, and is primarily devoted to the sport of motorcycling in all its various forms, mainly in the area of road riding.

While membership in the Valley Knights M.C. is not limited to motorcycle riders, ownership of a bike is encouraged, and certain voting privileges are accorded to such members.

Every year, for the past three years, the club has conducted a Christmas benefit show for the George Sand organization; this year's event is scheduled for December 8, 1979.

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Valley Knights M.C. should write to the club at P.O. Box 8163, Sacramento, CA 95818, or attend one of the club's open meetings. Open meetings are held about once a month at various locations in the Sacramento area. Notice of meetings are posted in advance. Any member of the club will be glad to discuss membership requirements and club activities.

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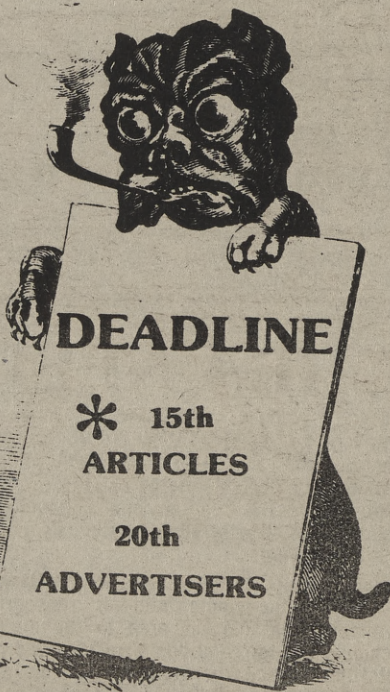
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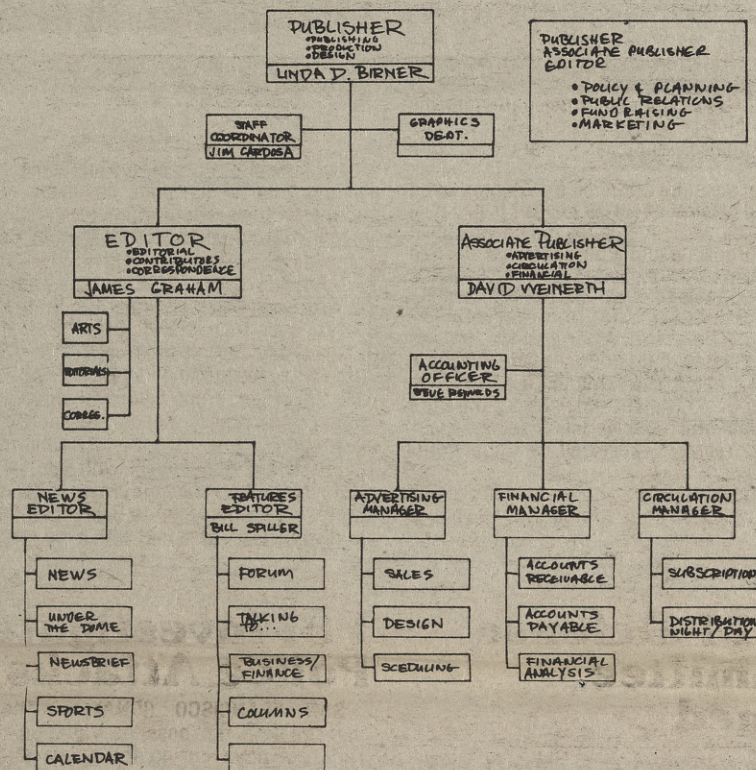
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We're printing our organizational structure for two reasons:

1. To let you know who's responsible for what, so that you can address your questions, comments and other contacts to the right person.
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UNDER THE DOME

Democratic Committee Recognizes Gays

by E.B. Hinkle

SAN JOSE — During the last weekend in July, the Executive Board of the California State Democratic Central Committee held a convention at the San Jose Hyatt House to confirm, among other items, their affirmative action program. The Blacks, Hispanic, Rural, Asian-Pacific, Labor, Women's, Senior Citizen's, and Gay caucuses studied the program for possible amendments.

The Gay Caucus had gotten wind that the representatives from Tulare County planned to make a motion removing "sexual orientation" from the anti-discrimination clause in the affirmative action plan. Expecting a hot debate, 30 delegates of the nearly-100-member Gay Caucus planned their strategy. Co-chairs of the caucus are Ivy Bottini of Los Angeles and Tom Van Strein of Long Beach. Other dynamic delegates in the caucus were Morris Knight and Rick Saslow, both from Los Angeles, and Gerry Parker of San Francisco.

The general session, attended by 120 registered delegates and several observers, was opened by a lesbian Native American, Rosalie Nicols. She felt it was both appropriate and a paradox that she had the privilege of welcoming the delegates to her hometown of San Jose. Appropriate, because her great-grandfather was the first governor of California and a Democrat. A paradox, because as a lesbian from Santa Clara County where the board of supervisors had just postponed a decision on the proposed gay rights ordinances for the third time, she was still considered a second-class citizen. Her remarks received a thunderous applause.

The first business on the agenda was to confirm the affirmative action plan. After several technical changes, Dr. Charles Green from Los Angeles



Photo: E.B. Hinkle

Delegates of the Gay Caucus plan their strategy at the California Democratic Executive Board Committee convention in San Jose.

moved to add Japanese-Americans, lesbians, and gay men to the plan. The amendment was approved. Rick Saslow then moved that the amendment not be rejected if the language is not consistent with the national Democratic affirmative action plan. This was approved with the added support of Democratic State Chair Dick O'Neill and Democratic State Secretary Ann Ramirez. Ivy Bottini then called for affirmation. There was resounding "aye" and one "no."

As expected, from Tulare County, the senate district 15 chair moved to delete "sexual orientation" from the anti-discrimination clause. The audience responded with boos. After the parliamentarian asked the crowd to quiet down, he had to call for a second to the motion three times. Finally one lady, also met with boos, seconded the

motion for the sake of discussion. The "no" vote was unanimous, except for one lone "aye" from Tulare.

In other business, the gay caucus endorsed the march on Washington, D.C. in October. California Human Rights Advocates Director Alan Robertson attended the caucus and general session on an invitation from Frank Treadway, chair from Shasta County. Robertson said it felt good to have the continued support and acceptance of gay people by the California Democratic Executive Committee.

The following Monday, July 30, the Santa Clara County board of supervisors passed the gay rights ordinance by 4-1, effective within 30 days. The San Jose city council passed the same ordinance on August 13.

AB1, Agnos

In order to get AB1 through the Assembly Ways and Means Committee we need letters from you and as many friends that you can convince to write.

It's very important to encourage the following committee members to vote YES. Chair: Daniel BOATWRIGHT (AD10,D), Richard HAYDEN (AD22,R), Charles IMBRECHT (AD36,R), Floyd MORI (AD15,D), Marilyn RYAN (AD51,R), Stan STATHAM (AD1,R), Dave STIRLING (AD64,R), Norman WATERS (AD7,D).

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Anti-Gay Lobby Serious Threat

"Christian Voice" a nonpartisan lobbying organization that is not tax exempt was registered about six months ago and has a \$1 million budget for 1979 and a projected \$3 million budget for 1980. Voice claims 100,000 members representing 40 denominations.

This is formidable opposition! This is it folks!

NOW is the time for us to become active rather than passive verbalizers. We need to come together, we need to coalesce and get very, very busy representing ourselves and identifying our rights. We need to involve as many SUPPORTERS as possible. We need to show our strength in numbers. NOW! The time is RIGHT NOW to show your presence and activate our rights. The time is NOW to work together in spite of internal differences to show numbers.

National Lobby, Waxman HR 2074

Representatives Henry A. Waxman, D. CA., and Rep. Ted Weiss, D. N.Y., have introduced legislation to protect gays/lesbians in housing, employment, public facilities, and federally funded programs. The bill HR 2074 is co-sponsored by 38 other members of the house of representatives. Congressmen James Corman (21 CD) of Reseda, Edward Roybal (25 CD) of L.A., and George Brown (36 CD) of San Bernardino should be lobbied by their constituents to become sponsors.

Those attending the March on Washington can use that opportunity to schedule time to lobby their representatives to support this bill.

May 21 Defense Committee Formed

SAN FRANCISCO (IGNA) — The May 21 Defense Committee has been organized to assist the 29 people arrested during the May 21 riot at San Francisco City Hall. According to Ron Albers, co-chair, the two main purposes of the Committee are to help in the legal defense of those arrested, and to protect the civil rights of gays.

Those arrested have in many cases been charged with felonies, such as assaulting an officer and assault with a deadly weapon. According to Albers, the deadly weapon was a slingshot. If convicted, the accused can get up to ten years in prison.

The May 21 Defense Committee is trying to get the District Attorney to disqualify himself as prosecutor, through what is known as a "recusal motion." The Committee feels that any "decent" prosecutor who disqualify himself "in a situation like this. The chances for justice are suspect because the riot at City Hall was largely a protest against the way District Attorney Freitas's office handled the Dan White case, and thus in effect the people prosecuting the rioters are prosecuting with a conflict of interest. Furthermore, it is feared that Freitas is now acting "tough" because he was accused of being "soft" in the Dan White case.

Donations may be sent to: May 21 Defense Fund/558 Capp st., San Francisco, CA 94110.

N.O.W. Sets Panel On Minority Women

Minority women suffer double oppression — that of being a member of a racial minority and that of being a woman. Even in the fight against sexism, women are divided by race. A major problem is that we aren't fully aware of each other's needs. This problem is compounded by a lack of communication.

The National Organization for Women is attempting to bridge the gap with a presentation about minority women in the feminist movement. The guest speakers will be four minority women who are politically active in the community. We will be examining the involvement of different ethnic groups in the movement, what specific problems each faces, and how all women of every race can work together more effectively toward equality.

Come to the YWCA, 17th and L, at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, September 19. As always, admission is free, and children are welcome. For additional information, call 455-0931.

FBI Investigates Police Attacks

SAN FRANCISCO (IGNA) — The F.B.I. is investigating the possible violation of the civil rights of gays during the police attack on the Elephant Walk bar during the early morning hours of May 22.

Ron Whitney is in charge of the investigation and has promised a thorough, supporting handling of the evidence even though the F.B.I. itself still will not hire known homosexuals, according to Ron Albers of the May 21 Defense Committee.

In addition, Drew Days III, head of the Civil Rights Unit of the Department of Justice, is trying to get the U.S. Department of Justice to prosecute the city of San Francisco for violating the civil rights of gays because of the police attack.

The Police, Fire, and Safety Committee, which is a subcommittee of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors, has taken statements from witnesses in the vicinity of the Elephant Walk on the day in question. That of Bill Gravitt is typical:

He left his home on Castro St. to see what the commotion was. He got about halfway from his home to 19th Street and saw people running up toward him.

"I ran home, closed my gate behind me, and walked to my front door. I heard the gate being thrust open, and a police officer dressed in riot gear approached me. I was surprised, and I told him I lived there. Without a word he began hitting me in the back, my shoulder, and as I turned and raised my arm to protect my face, he swung his nightstick with both hands. My arm was broken in that beating. The officer was a heavy-set man. He said no words to me. I did nothing, said nothing, to provoke this attack."

The May 21 Defense Committee has held several "mass law offices" to assist those arrested or hurt in the Castro and Civic Center areas to get legal counseling. Over two hundred people have contacted the Defense Committee. Injuries include those of an epileptic beaten by the police, several broken arms, scars, and skull fractures.

The F.B.I. investigation was expected to have been completed by August 30.

Way Station Forum Date Changed

In order to allow time to contact all organizations in the Sacramento area, the Board of Directors of the Way Station has changed the date for the community forum to October 26, 1979. The time and place will be set soon. Look for the announcement in MGW and throughout the community.

The next Board meeting will be September 11, 1979. Board meetings are open to the public and anyone wishing to provide public input is cordially invited to attend. September 20 is set for By-Law amendments. Input is also solicited for this activity.

Israel Rejects Gay Jewish Conference

TEL AVIV (IGNA) — Orthodox rabbis in Israel exerted pressure recently to force hotels and kibbutzim to turn away the 100 gay delegates to the first gay conference ever held in Israel. Citing Leviticus, the rabbis called homosexuality a violation of the law of God.

The conference was first booked at a kibbutz, but the orthodox rabbis threatened to take away the kibbutz's dining room certificate attesting that the food was kosher, and the kibbutz capitulated to the pressure. The hotel where the gay delegates were to stay also cancelled their reservations after threats from the rabbis.

In addition, the Jewish National Fund tried to return the \$9000 donation the gay Jews gave to plant trees in the Negev desert in memory of Jewish homosexuals.

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Gay Rights Setback In N. Ireland

by Pat Donnelly

BELFAST, NORTHERN IRELAND (IGNA) — The new Conservative Government of Margaret Thatcher decided on July 2 not to go ahead with reform of the laws affecting homosexuals in the Province of Northern Ireland.

The Secretary of State, Mr. Humphrey Atkins, has gone back on the commitment given by the former Labour Administration to bring these laws into line with those in England and Wales. Mr. Atkins insisted that "a substantial body of opinion" in the Province was opposed to the change, referring to the campaign led by the Rev. Ian Paisley, organized under the title "Save Ulster from Sodomy," which collected signatures on a petition protesting the proposed legal change.

A spokesman for the Northern Ireland Gay Rights Association (NIGRA), which led the fight for reform, described the Government's announcement as "hypocritical." The statement from NIGRA went on:

"Although the parliamentary process has been exhausted, NIGRA will continue to use every legal means available to reform the law. The matter will go before the European Court on Human Rights this week.

"More and more lives are going to be made a misery as a result of this decision by the Government, which has, in effect, given its blessing to 'queer-bashing' by continuing to declare homosexual acts illegal."

The prestigious *Belfast Telegraph*, in an editorial on the Government's announcement, had this to say:

"It would seem a very dangerous policy for a Northern Ireland Secretary of State to base judgement — even on a matter like homosexuality — on the most vociferous element of public opinion. In this case, it is arguable that such opinion is neither widespread nor well-informed."

WRITE TO THE SHERIFF

Recently, Norv Giles and Linda D. Birner visited Lt. Richard Kelley (in the Sacramento Bee last month he was quoted calling gay people "misfits and queers") to talk to Kelley about increasing his and the Sheriff Lowe's awareness about gay people. It was not an easy task, but some headway was made. He has received several letters from people that feel we should stay in the closet and out of sight. It would be very beneficial if you and some of your straight friends would write to the Sheriff to express your concern for gay rights in employment and housing. Sheriff Lowe and Lt. Richard Kelley, 711 G St., Sacramento, Ca. 95814.

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Statewide Contest Held Here!

The "First Annual Statewide California Mr. Macho Contest" on August 25 at the Woodlake Inn was staged for the financial benefit of the Muscular Dystrophy Association and for the public relations benefit of California's gay community. Masters of ceremonies for the event were former San Francisco 49ers running back Dave Kopay, who shocked the sports world by declaring his homosexuality in 1975, and John LaCoco of Modesto, chief sponsor of the contest. Thirteen contestants paraded before an enthusiastic audience of about 300 in various

outfits — whatever struck them as "macho." and there was the swimming suit competition so essential to such contests.

Singer Sharon McKnight of San Francisco offered a rendition of "Stand By Your Man."

And the winners: By the reckoning of this particular panel of judges, Mr. Macho 1979 is Gene Tichy, a 24-year-old electronic engineer from Desert Hot Springs. First runner-up was Pete Cambra of San Jose, and second runner-up was Jack Farrell of Concord.

MOM's Mountain Meeting A Success

The recent Mom . . . Guess What . . . "Mountain Meeting" in Old Town Auburn provided an opportunity for our gay friends from the Mother Lode Country to express needs and criticisms for improving Mom . . . Guess What . . . People representing Shingle Springs, Yuba City, Auburn, Rough and Ready and Sacramento shared many diversified backgrounds and views.

The comment most often expressed was that MGW is a strongly-needed source of information to provide people of the greater Sacramento area with up-to-date news of the gay community, including recent legislation, group activities, and social events. It was also brought out that MGW is primarily illustrating positive types of gay lifestyle and that perhaps it shows too much of a "Pollyanna" viewpoint. A need was indicated for more coverage dealing with stresses that gay people face and ways of coping with these stresses. Those involved in the meeting shared some common stresses such as mothers raising straight children and keeping jobs after admitting being gay to their bosses.

Each person in attendance presented a short biography about themselves indicating an interest for more biographical stories of gay people in our community. In addition, each person indicated that Mom . . . Guess What . . . has in some way inspired the growth of the gay community at large and has helped individuals with their own personal growth and acceptance of their own gayness.

Mom . . . Guess What . . . wishes to thank all those who attended the "Mountain Meeting" for their support and suggestions. A special thanks goes to our gracious hostess Cory, owner of Awful Annies, for providing a beautiful setting and excellent food and drink for our first "Mountain Meeting."

Men's Support Group

Our gay men's support group has been active for about three years in Sacramento and Davis. We are now looking for new members. The group is limited to 8-10 men with a commitment to attend meetings regularly for 4-6 months or longer. Our discussions are generally informal and nonstructured (we have no group leader). The group currently meets Tuesdays at members' homes. For further information, please call 457-8085 (Bob or Charles) or 756-0764 (Jay).

Chuck Bentz Organizing All Male Theatre

Local Producer Chuck Bentz is organizing a new theatre production group in Sacramento with plans to stage a series of light and popular comedies from the thirties using all-male casts. Chuck has been associated with many of the successful shows produced over the past few years at the Showcase at Joseph's.

To launch his new group he is now preparing a production of Noel Coward's *Blithe Spirit* with tentative plans for a mid-winter run at the Clunie Clubhouse Theatre at McKinley Park.

Carl Berry, a seasoned theatre person with lots of San Francisco productions under his belt, and known to Sacramento for his local production of "Alive at Last", will direct this first offering.

Chuck points out that, although in his shows men will be cast in both male and female roles, the off-stage crew will include both men and women. Also, members of his production crew and cast will be drawn from the community at large, regardless of sexual orientation.

Right now the call is out for volunteers who are eager to try out for acting roles or who are prepared to assist with set-building, costume making, lighting, and other aspects of the first production.

First readings for actors for *Blithe Spirit* will be held September 16 and 23. Scripts are available for checking out in advance. For more information on these readings or if you want to volunteer for work in any way with this production group contact either Chuck Bentz at 485-0991 or Carl Berry at 753-4261 (Davis) eves.

George Sand Changes Meeting Date

To avoid conflict with the Labor Day weekend, the George Sand Community Benefit Fund, Inc. has moved its monthly meeting to Tuesday, September 11. The meeting will take place as usual at the Del Prado Restaurant, 5500 Stockton Boulevard, at 7:30 p.m. The public is always invited to attend.

MOM Goes to The Libraries

by Stephen C. Klein

One of the objectives of any newspaper is to reach as wide an audience as possible. MOM is distributed in many places in the Sacramento area, and is made available to all citizens of the county by furnishing copies to each branch of the Sacramento City-County Library system.

This in theory places a copy of the paper in 28 neutral, non-threatening, non-judgemental locations conveniently situated throughout the county. It enables those who are without funds for a personal subscription to read the paper. It also enables those who cannot visit one of the established distribution points — because of geographical isolation or lack of transportation — to read the paper. Furthermore, it brings MOM to the attention of non-gay people who might not otherwise see the paper.

After seven months of distributing MOM to all public libraries, we made a survey to determine whether the papers actually arrived at the libraries, what happened once they did arrive, and whether the library could use additional copies. We sent a short letter with each paper and enclosed a self-addressed, stamped post card for response. Only ten of the 28 libraries replied: Arden, Carmichael, Central (9th & I), Courtland, Elk Grove, North Highlands, Oak Park, Southgate, Rancho Cordova, and Sylvan Oaks.

Comments ranged from "Freedom of the press is alive and well at the Oak Park Branch Library" to "1 copy will be fine. We are small" (Elk Grove) and "The format of the newspaper to date is not objectionable and we have no complaints from patrons" (Southgate).

Readers should visit their local library and see if MOM is available to the public. Some libraries may place it with their regular magazine subscriptions, while others may place it with all other gift periodicals. Readers may wish to speak with their branch librarian if the newspaper is not available to the public. To date, we have yet to hear from the other 18 branches.

Remember, the library strives to be responsive to the needs of its community, and we must make our needs known to the librarians. Keep in mind that the library competes with all other city and county departments for tax revenues, so your elected officials need to know where your priorities are in the expenditure of public funds.

Stephen C. Klein is a librarian in northern California.

Entertainment Association

The Northern California Entertainment Association, formerly known as the N.C.T.A., is now having auditions for their premier performance of the 1979-80 season. Auditions will be held on September 6th & 7th at the N.C.E.A. recording studio, 7:30 pm at 1912 18th St., between S & T Streets in Sacramento, CA. The N.C.E.A. is looking for men and women to play the different parts in our forthcoming production, "A Night of Terror". It will feature two one-act plays: "The Monkey's Paw & Afterwards", and the original two-act psycho thriller, "Kenny Loves Me".

We also need crew people, costume personnel, make-up, etc. If you can do anything or everything, then make it a point to stop by the N.C.E.A. studio on Sept. 6th or 7th at 7:30 pm.

To all you theatre-goers: We have selected the following shows and dates as "The N.C.E.A. '79-'80 Season":

A Night of Terror	Oct. 19, 20, 26, 27
A Christmas Fare	Dec. 14, 15
Scratch, A Tale of the Devil and Dan Webster	Feb. 22, 23
Dracula	April 26, 27
The Adventures of Marco Polo	June 29, 30
Tickets	Donation
Advance	\$3.50 per person
At the Door	\$3.75 per person
Season	\$15.00 per person

Send your check or money order to: The Northern California Entertainment Association, P.O. Box 161372, Sacto, CA. 95816.

TALKING TO...

MARGE RICHARDS

by Sue Diehl

"I always swore I would never come to California," says Marge Richards, "because I just knew it was going to break off and fall into the sea — the earthquakes, you know. In fact, I'm not sure it still isn't going to happen. I'm almost convinced that the way to get ahead is to invest in a marina in Denver." Nevertheless, Richards did move here in the early seventies, after a brief stay in Louisiana where she was working on a book. Now, the writer/feminist/comic/political activist considers herself a Californian, "or Sacramentan, really."

It's difficult to listen to her for any length of time without becoming fascinated by her multifaceted personality and quicksilver sense of humor. More than that, New York still shows through in her perpetual physical motion: pacing from the kitchen to the dining room, out to the poolside, petting one of her two cats or the dog, quickly into the other room to look for a book — and all the while, talking and joking and keeping up her initial train of thought.

Comparing California with New York, she said "There, a whole different set of dynamics is at work. Here, if I want a little touch of New York I go to San Francisco, and it's there — only cleaner! But California... this is Lotusland in comparison. In San Francisco people are a little itchy, looking at their watches and so on; in LA, it's a faster

and more intense pace still. But in New York, it reaches proportions of absolute insanity. More than that, even the slightest things are expanded into large events: some world leader visiting the States gets gas, and all of a sudden it's a big deal. I mean, there are hourly progress reports! Even things that don't affect the people who are getting excited. Suppose the IRT subway broke down at 23rd street; suddenly, there's pandemonium. People in the Bronx are uptight because they're afraid the ramifications of that might be that the Puerto Ricans will invade them — by bus!"

"Here in California, things are different. There are pressures here, too, but they're different. A lot of them are self-imposed. Now we live in a world of mellow. One of the things I've noticed about California is that everything here gets categorized and subcategorized. You don't just go to a consciousness raising group — you go to a gay consciousness raising group. There's a gay alcoholics group and a gay rap group and a gay this and gay that. Well, believe it or not, here in California there's also an EST alcoholics group and a Zen alcoholics group." This separation, she feels, enhances people with the same interests and viewpoints as yourself, you don't have to be challenged by a dissenting opinion. "Politically, I think it's more difficult to get things done here because the gay

community is so diffuse."

And Marge Richards is very concerned about getting things done here. For many years in New York, she was active in the civil rights movement and in the beginnings of the women's movement; since here, she's been actively working to elect candidates for office that have "reasonably enlightened" feelings and policies regarding gay people. Her frustration with political apathy in the gay community is intense. "Even during the No on 6 campaign, we had gay people saying that they weren't going to get involved because they weren't in danger — they weren't school teachers! The gay community is so diverse. Maybe if we all woke up with a lavender strip down us, things might be a little different. Right now, some gay people have, and do, and continue to escape the political reality of being gay." Another example: "look at the city of Los Angeles, with the kind of money they have; and then look at the money they raised for CHRA. I think the last figure I saw was something like \$900,000. It's ludicrous. Here we are, one of the most affluent of groups around; but we have got to start using that money. The monies that we do donate to protective legislation and to our lobbyists are piddling small amounts. During No on 6, Lisa Katz had to clean apartments in order to support herself — and lobby, and speak, and try to coordinate a volunteer force of

people, all at the same time. Not many people know this, but you can put down bar owners if you like but during that campaign Dale Bentley (the owner of the Hut and the Club Baths) donated the money to Lisa so that she could devote all her energies to the campaign and stop having to clean houses. Like I was saying, we are never going to get anywhere until people start realizing that we have to put CHRA right up there on our list of priorities, right along with food, and shelter, and clothing. We've got to start putting our money where it counts — getting ourselves a lobby with clout. And when you're talking about political clout, you're talking about economics. There's no way around it." This belief, she says, is the primary reason that when any fundraiser is done in her club (the Hide 'N' Seek), the proceeds go to CHRA. The legislation has got to come first. Consciousness raising is all very well, she says, but how do you argue with those who are afraid to support gay people because they feel their own jobs might be threatened? That's fine, but where are we going to find a lavender Martin Luther King? Who is going to stand up and tell these people that there is a moral rightness of a person's choice to live the way they want to live as long as they are not harming anyone else? No. Legislation is the only way."

Despite her concern with legislation, the next book that she

wants to write has little to do with politics in the legislative sphere. "A lot of young people need to see that gay life is not all the sort of bugaboos they hear about: the old tales that say you'll be lonely, and miserable, and an alcoholic, and people will hound you and arrest you and put you in prison. Things can be bad, but there are no pictures showing the positive side of it. So what I'm working on doing is a book showing people in long term relationship; say, 15 years or longer. First a book on men, what their lives are like, how they adjust to each other through time. Real people, successful people. And then, of course, what I really want to do is about women, but that one would take more time, be more comprehensive, if for no other reason than that women in that age group — remember, 15 year relationships — are more circumspect, more difficult to locate." Those two, she feels she has to complete, to clear the way for other projects.

Primarily, Marge Richards is a writer. But, also, a fighter, a businesswoman, a mover, and a comic. Somehow, it surprised me very little to learn that one of her current ambitions is to sit in the hot spa with Annie Overby and get stoned and talk. If it ever happens, I want to be there; I can almost guarantee that it would turn out to be the funniest interviews I've ever done.

Davis Police Liaison Evokes Optimism

by John Daniel

When is a human being not a human being? Often, many gay people would say, when police are involved.

Last year, for instance, police removed a group that had been same-sex dancing from a Davis disco. Their offense: to have a beer bottle thrown at them by an irate customer.

More recent were incidents of harassment in San Francisco, where police beat up patrons of a bar, and Sacramento, in which persons at Upstairs/Downstairs were hassled.

Paul Harris, 23-year-old Davis student and Co-President of the Davis Gay Task Force, is trying to improve the police perception of gay people and vice versa. Working from within the Davis Police Department, he serves as their Gay Liaison.

"It's a part-time position calling for twenty hours of work per month, work I was already doing within the gay community as a volunteer," Paul said. His position was created two months ago.

As liaison, he must brief his superiors on various gay activities he attends. Paul will also attempt to discourage the borderline homophobia exhibited by many of Davis's Finest.

"I will conduct sensitivity training sessions with the police department in October. Throughout the next year I will be available to the department and the gay community to handle crises if they occur," Paul said.

These crises might include domestic squabbles between same-sex partners, incidents of anti-gay harassment by the police or the public, and any other situation dealt with by police in which a person's sexuality is a factor.

Paul hopes to combat ignorance about gay lifestyles through sensitivity training, mandatory for all officers in the department. He further plans to recruit gay people for the city's ride-along program, in which they will patrol the beats with unsuspecting cops.

"Most police have not been exposed to homosexuality at all, so even those who might be favorable have a lot to learn. Essentially, we want to prevent surprises; if lovers (of the same sex) were having a heated fight, it would be counterproductive if the police who were called to the scene freaked out," Paul said.

Several influences will work against Paul's efforts, however. First, there is a question of need. "In Davis, overt police harassment does not seem to exist; most anti-police feelings come from San Francisco and Sacramento. In fact, the department here is well respected for its innovativeness, high standards, and friendliness," Paul said.

Coupled with the question of need is the sting of

Proposition 13-mandated budget cuts. Although the gay liaison position consumes only \$137 per month out of an annual police budget of \$1.5 million, city officials are still leery of charges of waste. Publicity in the general Davis community about the gay liaison position could threaten its continuation.

If it turns out to be a one-shot affair, with no one replacing Paul, his efforts will probably be for naught. For example, when the sensitivity training is concluded, the police will continue to operate in the same environment which originally taught them their prejudices.

Daily influences such as peer pressure will make themselves felt on the officers' consciousnesses, displacing what was learned during Paul's training. This pattern is typical of those employed in any organization. To be effective, therefore, the activities of the police liaison must be carried on from year to year.

Permanence, however, carries with it no guarantee of effectiveness. Sensitivity training often fails in that those who exhibit the greatest need for achieving an enlightened state of mind will be the least likely to attain it.

Therefore, Paul forecasts that the hostility of the most homophobic cops will not lessen because of his efforts. "Police officers I have talked to so far



have been favorable, yet I've been told that others would refuse to ride in the same car with me. I don't expect to change them; rather, I only expect their hostility to come out in the open," Paul said.

Fortunately, most of the police are more open-minded. "The need for education is still severe, exemplified by the statement of the President of the Deputy Sheriffs Association of Sacramento that, out of 800 employees in the department, one or two might be gay," Paul said.

"To assist an officer in handling different situations it behooves him to be as informed as possible about diverse groups. With 10% of the officer's contacts being homosexual, it's a wise investment for a department to train its officers in relating to homosexuality."

In Davis this year, things seem to be looking up. For instance, beer was thrown on several women who were dancing together at the Graduate, a Davis bar, early this summer. Paul praised police who handled this call.

Should such incidents occur again, Paul may be reached at 756-0321. He urges victims of anti-gay harassment to contact him and, if possible, to press charges. Paul's program, initiated by the foresight of a few Davis Police officials, if successful, could make Davis a city to emulate, even on issues not related to solar energy.

Info Wanted On Russian Gay Life

The International Gay News Agency is seeking information about the treatment of homosexuals in the Soviet Union.

According to Simon Karlinsky, Professor of Slavic Languages and Literatures at the University of California, Berkeley, the situation is so oppressive there that the mere fact of being a homosexual is a criminal offense, as is supplying foreigners with news derogatory to the Soviet system.

Mail is censored, and any mail in a plain envelope would be an invitation to the censors to take an extra look at the mail in question. The situation continues to remain desperate because practically no one will risk a labor camp sentence or forced treatment at a mental clinic in order to supply news to the outside world.

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HANDICAP~ABLE

by Tony Martin

My column this month is sort of geared to one of the main problems of our times: the gas shortage. Now we all know that we must conserve gas and energy, but this affects the disabled person even more, for our lives are truly dependent upon energy from an outside source. So I have talked to many of my friends and have come up with what I hope are some good suggestions.

Plan your activities differently than you usually do. Combine trips to do as much in one trip as you can.

Make your at home time work for you. By this I mean do things you haven't done at all. Catch up on your letter writing. Maybe even write friends locally. This can cheer them up just to know you thought about them. And it can be a nice surprise to get a letter from a friend just to say 'hi'.

If you can manage the buses then try taking a bus around, just to see places in this town you haven't been to before. Perhaps spend the day on the bus just like a brand new visitor to Sacramento.

If buses are out, then find a park close by and plan a picnic with a pal. Someone you know but perhaps would like to get to know better. Spend the day just enjoying each other's company. Great way to find a new friend.

If you have the availability of a pool, share it. Arrange transportation for those who need it.

How about a picnic or barbecue? Any ideas from other Ables? Call me at 486-8176 and let's do something. If you know of ways to fill your day and save gas then share them with the rest of our readers.

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20% of Sacto Apartments Exclude Gay Couples

by Victoria Rose

A survey has been completed involving almost 500 apartment buildings in Sacramento city and county. Managers were asked simply whether or not they rented to gay couples. About 20% responded either that they did not knowingly rent to gays, or that they weren't sure whether they would or not.

This survey will be used as evidence of discrimination in an effort to pass a local ordinance banning such discrimination.

The committee working on the ordinance needs to hear from those who feel they have been discriminated against on the basis of sexual orientation. They will need to prove that discrimination does exist, and be able to offer some examples. You may remain anonymous.

Also needed are people who will go to apply for apartments in their area, in couples, making it obvious they are gay, in order to see if those who said they do rent to gays were telling the truth. This could be an interesting experience, and you do not have to use your true identity. Couples who want to go together, or singles who want to be set up with another single, are encouraged to call Victoria Rose at 455-0931.

G.A.U. Activities Open In Sacramento

The Bay Area Chapter of the Gay Academic Union invites interested Sacramento Valley women and men to attend its chapter meetings in San Francisco every month during the academic year. Meetings are usually held on the second Sunday of each month. The organizing meeting for the 79/80 year will be held Sunday, September 9, 1979 at 2 pm in the Western Addition Library at Geary and Scotts Sts.

The G.A.U. is a national organization of gay academic, college level students, professional people and others interested in the development of gay scholarship, gay art, and gay educational outreach.

Anyone interested in transportation for the September or future meetings, or if you have your own car and would like to be part of a group, or just for more information, call David Weinerth at 362-8283.

MCC Banquet Moved; Isenberg To Address Gathering

Renovation of the Senator Hotel in downtown Sacramento to meet the competition of the new Holiday Inn has forced Metropolitan Community Church to change the location of its Anniversary Banquet.

Scheduled for Saturday, September 8, at 7 pm, the banquet will now be held at the Mansion Inn, 700 16th Street, Sacramento.

Sacramento Mayor Phillip Isenberg will join with Troy D. Perry, gay rights activist and founder of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, in addressing Sacramento's gay community at the MCC Community Anniversary Banquet, Saturday, September 8, at 7 pm at the Mansion Inn, 16th and G Streets.

Mayor Isenberg, long an advocate of human rights, has chosen to align himself with our community in seeking its goals. Although often criticized by opponents for his courageous stand, Phil Isenberg has taken this opportunity to visibly seek support of the gay community in this election year.

Tickets for the banquet are \$10, and are available from Metropolitan Community Church, 2741 34th Street, (916) 451-5552.

'Word Is Out' Stirs Controversy In Redding

REDDING—The second televised showing on the PBS network of "Word Is Out" has stirred a controversy in Redding. Redding's PBS affiliate, KIXE Channel 9, was flooded with telephone calls protesting the scheduled gay documentary.

Approximately 25 phone calls were received prior to the showing. One caller, Reverend Royal Blue (yes, his real name) of Redding's North Valley Baptist Church, threatened KIXE programmer Lauray Yule with having his 2,000 plus congregation remove all their support from KIXE if "Word Is Out" was rerun. Blue has been the major enemy of ERA, Family Planning, pornography, and any gay rights in the north valley. Blue has kept his church involved in controversial issues for over five years. Creating most of the controversy themselves, the church has tried to make every issue a moral issue. The other callers were, in fact, members of the church.

Making this controversy public was a letter to the editor which appeared in Redding's newspaper, *Record Searchlight*. The letter demanded equal time for those who oppose the gay lifestyle. Yule told *Mom Guess What* that KIXE is not required to provide equal time, especially two hours. After the letter to the editor appeared, KIXE received several calls of support and the newspaper received several letters praising KIXE for showing "Word Is Out".

Yule said that KIXE must appeal to all aspects of society because it relies on donations and membership pledges for support. She added, "Word Is Out" is one of the best shows ever aired on television and the protesters perhaps just can't deal with their feelings and guilt about homosexuality." She continued, "It is sad that these people would consider pulling all their support for one show. We can't determine the end result and won't be able to tell what it has cost us in the loss of membership."

Gay Greeting Cards

This month a special new series of gay greeting cards will be made available to the local Sacramento community. Each box of 12 will be either an assortment of four different cards printed on 4 various pastel papers with matching envelopes, or boxes will be sold with only one type and color of card you choose. You also have the chance now to order your Christmas card series with appropriate verses imprinted inside. Or you may, for an additional \$2.00 per box, have a greeting of your own choice hand inscribed by a professional calligrapher. Order blanks and display samples will be available the first week of this month at your favorite gathering place. Also, order blanks can be mailed to you by writing DIGNITY, P.O. Box 161765, Sacramento, CA 95816, or call 448-3777 anytime.

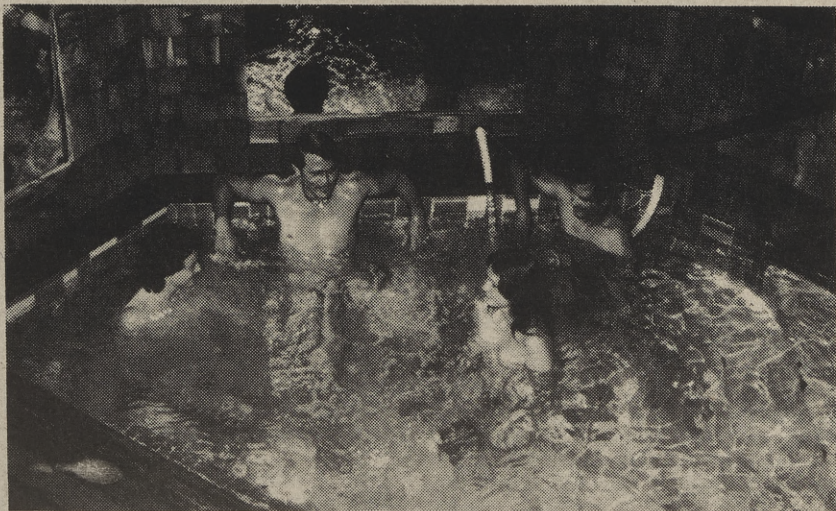
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Off The RECORD

Barbra, Donna, and Diane Still Number One on Albums

Reviewed by E.B. Hinkle

What do Barbra, Donna, and Diana have in common? Yes, they are talented and beautiful. Yes, they have all made motion pictures and had numerous number one hit songs. Yes, they are three of America's greatest superstars. One more: they all currently have new smash hit albums.

By now most of us have been exposed to several cuts from Donna Summer's extremely successful *Bad Girls* (Casablanca NBLP — 2-7150). Both single releases, "Bad Girls" and "Hot Stuff," rocketed into the nation's top ten simultaneously, both hitting number one. This album, which also held the number one spot for several weeks, has enough terrific cuts on it to supply Summer with hit singles for a long time. Two of these are "Sunset People" and "Our Love."

The creative genius of producer Giorgio Moroder, this year's Academy Award winner for the musical score of "Midnight Express," has again provided excellent electronic orchestration to support Summer's diverse singing on these outstanding cuts. Summer sings more than just disco on this album; it also slowly moves her into rock 'n roll and occasional ballads. It's an expensive two-record set, but it's worth it.

Diana Ross truly shows us who is the boss with her new album *The Boss* (Motown M7-923R1). It is her best album in quite a while. All cuts of this album have shot to the top of the disco charts. "No One Gets the Prize" and "The Boss" are the best selections. "No One Gets the Prize" is a haunting song with Diana using her voice like a violin amidst a large disco orchestra, typical of the Motown Sound, where, I feel, disco originated in the 60's. "The Boss" is a high-spirited song giving Ross the opportunity to use her voice as never before. This cut is also the only disappointment of the album in that the producers used the short single version rather than the extended disco version.

I recommend supplementing this album with the 12" extended disco version; what it does to you on the dance floor, it can do for you in the privacy of your own home. Nickolas Ashford and Valerie Simpson have written and produced this album to bring Ross out of her recording slump. It succeeds; don't pass it up.

If you like Barbra Streisand's first disco hit, "The Main Event/Fight," you'll love the soundtrack album of *The Main Event* (Columbia JS-36115). The title song, written by our brother Paul Jabara, Academy Award winner for "Last Dance," may bring him another Oscar. The song dominates the album, appearing three different times in three different versions: short, long, and ballad. The best is the full eleven-minute disco version. Streisand's remarkable voice doesn't need fancy disco support, but it's there to add to the excellent final product.

The other cuts don't include Streisand's vocalizing, but are still excellent. Included is the Four Seasons' 60's hit "Big Girls Don't Cry." The best non-Streisand song is the disco exercise song "The Body Shop." It's enough to get anyone in shape. Not everyone is a disco fan, but most everyone is a Streisand fan. Nevertheless, Barbra and disco make a terrific blend. "Main Event/Fight," being Streisand's fastest selling hit, is proof of that.



Barbra, Donna, and Diane all have new hit albums.

Funky James Brown Album May Be Hit Recording by Polydor Release

Reviewed by E.B. Hinkle

Soul brother number one, James Brown, has a new album that may put him on the pop charts again. *The Original Disco Man* (Polydor PD 1-6212) contains six cuts, three of which are enjoyable disco numbers. The first cut, "It's Too Funky In Here," also in 12" disco release, is a good blend of that funky James Brown sound and the current popular disco sound. The back-up vocals and instrumentation provide a good balance for these sounds.

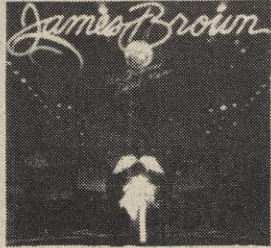
"Star Generation" is another good cut. It starts with a bass guitar reminiscent of the Temptations' 60's hit, "Ball of Confusion." The pace of the song picks up with a great disco sound somewhat like Sylvester's "Might Real." The best cut of the album is the semi-biographical "The Original Disco Man." Though this cut contains a minimum of James Brown's vocalizing, it succeeds with excellent supporting vocals and disco orchestration.

Polydor has two other new releases. *Go For What You Know* (Polydor PD 1-6202) is the fifth album for the hard-rock group the Pat Travers Band. This live album contains selections from each of the band's previous albums. The best cut is "Boom Boom (Out Go the Lights)," and at it's best, it is still bad. Unless you have a thing for the worst in late 60's hard rock, avoid this album.

Even worse is the premiere album for a new hard-rock group, *Blackjack* (Polydor PD 1-6215). Even though *Billboard* finds their first single release, "Love Me Tonight," an impressive debut, it is as bad as rest of the album. This group has success potential, but their sound is not a particularly distinctive one. Perhaps with the guidance of a good producer, Blackjack can find a group sound that will identify them in every song. ELO, Boston, and Pablo Cruise are examples of groups whose sounds are trademarks of their success. The best part of this album is its cover.



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Sacramento and its valley house incredible variety, from treeshaded city streets to the green and brown fields and pastures of the valley and the crumpled, mottled hills of chaparral and forest. Restaurants reflect the variety in varied settings and food of many different lands. To celebrate this wealth of variety, this month's column offers samples of several different places. Each provides you with something talented and tasty.

Americo's. 2000 Capitol Ave., Sacramento. 442-8119. The wondrously transformed cavern that Americo's inhabits is a fountainhead of classic northern Italian cuisine. The atmosphere is lighthearted, with green plants scattered around, varnished wood tables, and a marvelous mural of wine harvests, architecture, and other odds and ends. Dinners are generous, well prepared and smilingly served, neither too fast nor too slowly. Full dinners include soup, antipasto, salad, pasta, and main course garnished with crisp vegetables. Veal dishes are quite good, as are lasagna. An adequate wine list completes the pleasure. It is likely you will wait a while for a table, and reservations are only taken for large parties. The cost will run eight to twelve dollars per person, including wine, tax, and tip.

Teresa's. 2990 Northgate Blvd., Sacramento. 925-9521. A tiny old diner crammed with oil-soaked wood; uncomfortable wooden booths or funky stools at the counter only add to the charm of Teresa's Mexican restaurant. It's usually crowded — and deserves to be. Rock-bottom prices with decent quantity and good flavors are fine. Chips are good and the salsa is good and reasonably picante, and whet the appetite. I specifically glory in the memory of an excellent chile relleno, though enchiladas and tacos are also quite good. Tamales are also tasty — not tough and not crumbling apart, either. Filling was good but once could have been a bit more generous. Rice and beans, which come with most orders, were merely ordinary. Swig down a good Mexican beer with the meal. Dinner with a beer and chips should be about five dollars.

Hong Kong Cafe. Broadway at 5th, Sacramento. At one time the Hong Kong Cafe must have been a Western-style diner — the wagon wheel chandeliers and stools around a bar and naugahyde booths are reminiscent of diners throughout the West. For about twenty years, however, this run-down old building has been dishing up Cantonese Chinese food, quickly served, often quite good (avoid the "special dinners," though) and reasonable in cost.

Noodle soups are good — especially War Won Ton, which has meat-filled won ton skins, all kinds of vegetables, a few small shrimp, and chicken breast meat. Many entrees are also quite acceptable — in particular Oyster Beef and Cashew Chicken. But often the best dishes are not on the menu — ask for them, particularly Asparagus or Broccoli Beef when in season.

A dinner or lunch is reasonable — almost never more than six dollars for either. The Hong Kong Cafe can be crowded at lunch — get there early or plan to wait.

Sportsman's Hall (usually called "Lodge"). 5620 Pony Express Trail, Pollock Pines. 644-2474.

The old Pony Express route is largely forgotten by motorists whizzing by on the freeway to Lake Tahoe, but the old Pony Express stop in Pollock Pines is worth stopping for. A dusty but crowded parking area surrounds the old wooden building. The inside has long, oil-cloth-covered tables with coffee warmers, heavy crockery, and plastic glasses. But the rollicking atmosphere makes it worth going — but only when starving.

This old road house is known throughout the countryside for enormous steak dinners — so large that two people should order only one steak and an extra plate. They will still take home a people bag. Then watch the cornucopia pouring forth a plate of vegetables, beef stock and vegetable soup, salad, pasta, and the main dish, usually a gigantic steak, with dessert included. They also have good roast chicken and a few other things I haven't tried.

While this restaurant serves no liquor of any kind, the management has no objection to your bringing your own — they even have an almost unworkable old corkscrew somewhere. This adventure will cost you about twenty dollars for two, including meal, your wine, tax and tip.

Pasquini's. 6421 Live Oak Highway, Live Oak, California. (916) 695-3384. Another road house, this one a few miles north of Yuba City on Highway 99 just where it crosses the railroad tracks, is a quite different sort of place. Though it has an uninspired bar which does a thriving package trade to the farm workers, it also can be a wonderful way to round out an evening. For the dining room has been tastefully decorated — understated but elegant — wood floors, green plants here and there, a few antiques, stained glass panels hanging in the windows.

Dinners are Italian, with fare like chicken, lamb with herbs, and cioppino, the Italian fish soup. Only one dish, or steak, as an alternative, is available each night. Dinners include a salad, made with crisp greens and a fine house oil and vinegar dressing. Some entrees are excellent — cioppino (Fridays) was a generous tomato and herb broth swimming with shrimp, crab legs, clams, scallops, and fish, accompanied by crusty bread: plow in with fingers and spoon, it's enjoyable. Once I had a good steak, though some of the accompanying vegetables were overcooked.

Wines are interestingly selected and reasonable in price. A complete meal should run ten dollars or so. Reservations are a good idea, since the restaurant is leisurely and service is relaxed.

Jack's Grill. 1743 California St., Redding. (916) 241-9705.

If you should be in Redding, some of the best steaks in the state can be found at Jack's Grill, which is a faded stucco building with a faded neon sign. The inside is also rather basic — a bar and tables closely packed under a press-pattern tin roof and heavily painted walls. Jack's is open only for dinner; plan waiting quite a while for a table.

Once you're seated the menu tempts you with steak, though acceptable chicken and forgettable fish are also listed. Ordinary salads come with all dinners. The star of the place is steak: big, thick, tender and juicy, grilled to perfection, accompanied by a baked potato, or some of the best French fries I've eaten. The long shoestrings are crisp outside but delicate and soft inside.

Wine is also available from a perfunctory list, as well as anything from the bar. A dinner including wine (but not the bar tab while waiting) should cost ten dollars or so.

Mom Plans Creative Arts Supplement; Seek Contributors

MOM ... GUESS WHAT ... I will publish a creative arts supplement around the first of the year to showcase gay talent from the Sacramento area. The publication will feature poetry, short stories, graphics, and photographs.

Readers of MOM ... GUESS WHAT ... and their friends are invited to submit their work for possible inclusion in the creative arts supplement. Deadline for contributions is November 15, 1979.

We are also looking for persons interested in staffing this supplement, which we plan to publish twice a year. General direction of the creative arts supplement will come from MOM ... GUESS WHAT ... Publisher Linda Birner and Editor James Graham, but a separate staff will take on much of the responsibility. The basic staff requirements are for an editor, art director, business manager, and distribution manager.

In conjunction with the launching of this new publication, we are announcing two contests open to the community.

1. NAME THAT MAGAZINE. We need a name for our creative arts supplement. It should be short, memorable, and somehow connected with the creative arts emphasis of the magazine. Send your suggestion to MOM ... GUESS WHAT ... by September 15.

2. MOM'S PHOTO CONTEST. We invite photographers to submit up to five prints of their work for judging by a well-qualified committee. The winning photos will be printed in the creative arts supplement. Graphics and ink drawings are also needed. Details of the Photo Contest are announced in a separate story in this issue.

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BETWEEN THE COVERS

The Living Together Kit

The Living Together Kit, by Toni Ihara and Ralph Warner, Berkeley: Nolo Press, 1978.

Reviewed by John Daniel

Strange as it may sound, those of us who are fortunate will someday be in a position where we may have to exercise the utmost caution to avoid getting hurt. Michelle and Lee provide two excellent examples of why.

In 1964 they decided to shack up. In 1970, Lee kicked Michelle out. Michelle sued Lee for half of the million dollars he accumulated during their relationship.

The case ended up in the California Supreme Court, which held that contracts between partners "living in sin" may be enforceable. A final settlement was reached last year — remember **Marvin vs. Marvin?**

Interested in who got the money? Calculate attorney's fees at \$50 per hour for eight years and you might guess the answer.

Toni Ihara and Ralph Warner, authors of the **Living Together Kit**, want to keep this from happening to you. You may think, a million dollars in six years — just what I need! But what good's the million if some lawyer ends up eating it in a fancy restaurant?

This is a problem which should concern anyone involved in non-marital relationships, since **Marvin vs. Marvin** has raised the definite possibility that one of the partners might become more obligated than he or she ever intended. Rather than the reverse, for a change, we may find gays emulating straights: couples breaking up can now choose a messy, divorce-type of procedure.

One way to protect oneself from the grasping ex is simply to keep all property in a relationship separate. Trouble might still lie ahead, however. For instance, one partner may decide that, since he/she did the dishes every night (allowing the lover the free time to sell real estate) he/she is entitled to some of the lover's earnings.

So he/she claims the existence of an oral contract, taking a hint from **Marvin**, goes to court, and Presto! the lawyers are dining well for a month after that. If only the lovers' agreement to keep the property separate had been in writing!

An agreement between lovers for the purpose of approximating the community property situation found in marriage can hold similar pitfalls if it is unwritten. Here, the breadwinner may find absent-mindedness beneficial: "I never thought I would make that much in three years," she says, quickly forgetting that she promised half to her ex.

Moral: whatever arrangement is chosen for an economic relationship, it should be written down at the outset.

For those of you who blanch at the thought of getting within striking distance of a pencil, the **Living Together Kit** contains many useful ideas on how to organize an agreement that will be comfortable for you and that magic person whose life you want to share. Your "Living Together Contract" may provide you with peace of mind throughout the relationship.

Factors to consider in executing an agreement with your partner go beyond the question of whether property is to be jointly owned. For certain, some articles will be owned in this way. If they are major, it is advisable at the time of purchase to write how their division should be accomplished, even if division is not foreseen.

Ihara and Warner further caution that credit and checking accounts should always be maintained separately, lest the creditors of one partner enrich themselves at the expense of the other.

Conversely, joint insurance policies may be cheaper — one homeowner's policy rather than two, one automobile insurance policy with a two-car discount. Shop around for an agent who will provide this kind of service for unmarrieds.

Of necessity, the purchase of a house often involves both partners' assets. In this situation it is best for both names to appear on the title documents. Legally, title vests in two parties.

There are several types of joint ownership of real property, each having significant effects on inheritance rights and taxes. It is best to consult with a professional to see which arrangement will be the most practical. Yet, even after all this is done, problems can still crop up.

Harvey and Waldo bought a home, moved in together, and found themselves hating every minute of it. After their last fight, although neither wanted to see the other again, neither was willing to abandon his half of the house to the other.

They had taken title as joint tenants, indicating an equal interest. However, Waldo hadn't paid a cent on the mortgage. Harvey, having paid the monthly installments, felt entitled to more money when the house was finally sold.

Did he get it? No, but here's how he could have.

The **Living Together Kit** suggests that whenever unmarried people pool their resources to purchase a home, the amounts of money involved necessitate a written agreement.

The agreement should govern the division of the proceeds if the home is sold, the continued ownership and occupancy of the home by one of the partners should they separate, how the payments will be made, and what will happen if they aren't. Many foreclosures have resulted from the failure of the parties to arrive at such an understanding before trouble starts.

So . . . when Mr. or Ms. Wonderful walks into your life, sign a "Living Together Contract" together. Although there is a handy-dandy tear-out form provided at the end of the book, it will probably have to be altered to fit the individual needs.

Having yours checked by an attorney would be a good idea. You then need only execute the "Living Together Certificate," also provided, to become bonafide lovers.

As you accumulate incidental agreements covering major purchases you can attach these to your contract. Hopefully, then you will avoid the problems of Claudette and Gertrude, former lovers.

When they split, they decided to divide everything equally. This worked fine for the blender and the coffeepot, but when they got to the sofa (they purchased it together), neither would give it up. The next day it was sawn in half. Thank God they didn't have a pet.

Finally, if things go really well, Nolo Press, publisher of the **Kit**, also markets the **People's Guide to California Marriage Law**. On the other hand, if living together isn't your cup of tea, then **How To Do Your Own Divorce** just might be.

Christopher Isherwood

Christopher Isherwood: A Critical Biography by Brian Finney
Oxford University Press. Hardcover, 336 pages, \$13.95.

Reviewed by James K. Graham

Christopher Isherwood, the English-born novelist, memoirist, screenwriter and gay liberationist who has lived in Southern California since the late 1940's, celebrated his 75th birthday on August 26. He is most widely known as the author of **Mr. Norris Changes Trains** and **Goodbye to Berlin**, the stories upon which "Cabaret" was based. But his novel **A Single Man** is one of the best gay novels ever written and his autobiographical volumes **Christopher and His Kind** and **Kathleen and Frank** provide fascinating insights into gay life in Europe in the first half of the 20th century.

Brian Finney introduces his book about Isherwood with an explanation of why it is a critical biography rather than a critique of Isherwood's work or a history of his life. In Isherwood's case, he says, the life and work are almost inseparable, because so much of his fiction is in fact somewhat veiled autobiography, and because in much of his autobiographical writing he has treated himself rather like a fictional character.

Thus, in searching for understanding of both the man and his work, one must examine them together, finding the overlappings, omissions, and illuminating details. This is in part why Isherwood is such a fascinating character.

Finney, who teaches at the University of London, has produced a solid critical biography. All the facts are there; all the authorities are cited; the footnotes are voluminous (but at the end of the text, not at the bottom of each page). Finney has thoroughly discussed Isherwood not only with the author's friends and acquaintances but also with Isherwood himself, and he has had access to previously unpublished works, diaries and letters.

It's all very informative. But that's all one can say for it. Finney has failed to capture Isherwood's vitality, his passion, his energy. He talks a great deal about Isherwood's homosexuality, but I don't think

he really understands it or its effects or its meanings in Isherwood's work. Perhaps no one who is not gay can do that. At any rate, this biography, which ought to scintillate like champagne in a crystal goblet, just sits like a lump of cold mashed potatoes on a paper plate.

If you want the facts about Christopher Isherwood's life and a summary of critical opinion about his works, read Finney's critical biography. But if you want to get to know the man, read his books. As Finney says, "I know of no book of his which does not offer some reward to the reader." Most of Isherwood's books are available in relatively inexpensive paperback editions from Avon, and he will be reading selections from them in San Francisco on Thursday, September 13, in a benefit program for Gay Rights Advocates entitled "An Evening With Christopher Isherwood." (See this month's Calendar for details.)

The Gay Report

The Gay Report by Karla Jay and Allen Young. Summit Books. Hardcover, 816 pp. \$14.95.

Reviewed by Michael Raymond

A joke popular in the late sixties bears repeating now: two people had just finished making love and one turned to the other and said, "I'll tell you who I was thinking about if you'll tell me who you were thinking about." Thanks to **The Gay Report** everyone can find out who everyone else is thinking about simply by turning to the appropriate chapter.

The **Gay Report** is a survey of sexual attitudes and sexual behavior of the sort which has become extremely popular lately. It deals with both gay men and gay women in alternating chapters. According to the authors, over 5,000 people responded to the questionnaire, a copy of which is reproduced at the front of the book. The respondents reputedly represent a wide spectrum, though, in fact, the group is distressingly homogenous.

The questions were divided under headings, "Emotion and Love," for instance, and under each heading several related questions were asked. Though the authors maintain that the large number of questions about sexual activity are necessary to dispel nongay preconceptions about gays, the book is depressingly monotonous. It is, in fact, an anthology of badly-written sexual fantasies whose relation to anything at all beyond exhibitionism is hard to see.

Sexual survey may, like the Kinsey or Hite reports perform a genuinely important educational task. It was probably important that Americans realize how great a percentage of gays there are in this society, but it is not particularly important to devote eight hundred pages to what gays do in bed on the shaky premise that such knowledge "will play a role in laying to rest forever numerous unfortunate homophobic and destructive myths about lesbians and gay men."

I want to give you a couple of examples of the kind of response the survey elicited. This is a gay male speaking: "I prefer sexual encounters without emotional involvement since I can be totally uninhibited with a stranger I might never see again." An unidentified writer: "I need no emotional involvement. They can just line up." Is this really the kind of thing calculated to change nongay attitudes toward gays? I'm not denying that such attitudes as those just quoted exist among homosexuals but I hardly see the point of repeating them for a nongay audience whose perception is apt to be, shall we say, bemused.

If it were only a matter of insensitive editing the surveyors could simply be dismissed as well-intentioned but unsophisticated. But their sin is much greater because they have permitted to be published a book full of the sleaziest and most pointless pornography this side of Folsom Street. I won't bother quoting any of it. Anyone with a fair command of obscenity and a limited imagination can reproduce the whole book without much effort.

Are gay people more preoccupied with sex than nongay people? The question assumes that both groups are preoccupied with it and the answer is probably no. But because one of the fundamental issues among gay people — but not the only fundamental issue — is sexual expression, sex gets more press in gay publications than in their nongay counterparts.

It is still necessary that nongays understand that one of the things being gay means is having sexual relations with members of one's own sex. But having made that point it is simply not necessary to detail what remains for all humans regardless of their preferences an intimate act.

There is no reason for a book like **The Gay Report** whose graphic detail is unlikely to teach anything to gay people who know how it's done without requiring a book to instruct them or to impress nongays who are probably squeamish about their own sexual activity. **The Gay Report** is a bit of gratuitous trash obviously intended to rake in a few fast bucks for the authors and publishers.

If your taste runs to pornography, there are already magazines on the market which cost less and are illustrated. If you're interested in serious surveys of sexual behavior and sexual attitudes, there are any number of them beginning with Kinsey. If you're interested in well-written works by or about gay people, I suggest designing your own reading course beginning with Walt Whitman and Virginia Woolf. There is absolutely no reason to read **The Gay Report** unless you find yourself in the unfortunate position of having to review it.



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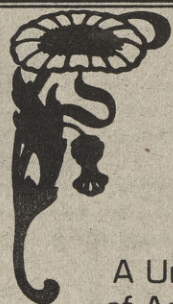
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Annie Overby

The Chinese Smile

By Annie Overby

It was in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, in 1955 when I first saw the Chinese Smile. The food was cheap, plentiful and good at the Hong Kong Cafe. That winter we ate there often: Mother, Daddy, my big wholesome sister, and winsome little me.

This particular day the air was overpowered with the usual coal smoke and the gutters full of dark rain. Crossing the street I sank both feet ankle deep into the water. Almost immediately I felt the shiny pennies in my newly and painfully polished loafers begin to rust for life. At once I lost my nearly always voracious appetite, realizing that now I must loudly squish my way into a public place. Heads would turn. Perfect and imperfect strangers would find me either cute or nauseating depending upon their particular political persuasions.

I wanted neither. I wanted to be dignified. Greer Garson and Walter Pigeon had shown me the path to social, if not downright eternal, salvation. What could I do? I rejected the natural grotesqueries of life for the more palatable formal fictions. "Oh, please God, take my life in private but don't rust my pennies in front of witnesses!"

As soon as we could find a table and order our Chicken Chow Mein I would find my way to the powderroom and replace my now defunct pennies, thereby restoring my magnificent dignity. For no reason apparent to my sister, I turned to her and said, "Probably even Greer Garson gets a run in her stocking once in a while." I didn't really believe this and felt more than a little blasphemous for saying it. But I'm only human and have my limits. It's easy to shoot your mouth off when your feet are rotting away from leprosy in front of the entire horrified Universe.

Just as I was bravely burning my tongue with hostile oriental tea, my eye caught the figure of the diner across the way. He sat alone and hunched over his table. He had no arms. No arms at all. None. The waiter was approaching with the man's dinner. It was a large platter of Chicken Chow Mein mixed into a huge mess with rice and soft noodles. I began to be seriously worried.

No one else seemed to notice him. But then, I didn't seem to be noticing him either. I had early on acquired that loathsome but essential talent for seeing without seeming to see. Mother, when in extreme temper, was given to calling me a green-eyed snake in the grass. Although she meant it as an insult, of course, I was always happy to hear her say it. I figured I was a lucky snake come into a family of natural born and dangerous chameleons.

He was of middle age, Chinese, bland of expression, and ate with great gusto. He complimented the waiter on the food. The waiter bowed, obviously pleased, and wiped the man's face gently with a damp towel. I made up my mind not to be sick. It wouldn't be dignified. Greer Garson wouldn't be caught dead throwing up in a Chinese restaurant.

We had finished our meal. I had to get to the powder room and change my pennies. In order to reach the powder room I had to directly pass you-know-who. I was a child and so had not yet come upon those at once delightful and disgusting days when I could employ a quick double martini to propel me across a room in dignified petrification directly into the jaws of death. I took a last desperate slurp of coke and lurched my way toward infinity; sensing, even as I raised myself up from my seat, the gist of what was about to come down.

Fortunately, the waiter wasn't carrying a full dinner tray. Only a large of dish of chicken fried rice. It hit me mid-center, sliding gracefully down the front of my new blue corduroy jumper to become as one with my soggy feet, rusted pennies and all. At that most terrible moment I wished to my Protestant and oh-so-correct God that the rubberbands holding up the stretched out bobby sox upon my feet of clay would cut off my circulation and mercifully take this coward's life. It was not to be so. Nor for you.

The man with no arms was unable to brush the rice from his lap. Unwillingly, my eyes came up to meet his face. His mouth began to spread and pull and draw into a smile as broad and as long and as uncontrollable as the great Yangtze River at floodtide. I was unable to speak a word. Anyhow, what was there to say? Sorry didn't seem to cover it. The man continued to smile at me. I don't remember anything after that. Perhaps the waiter took me out into the alley and shot me.

"Please, please don't shoot me! I'm only a little girl!"

"Don't worry little girl, I got your parent's permission."

Bang!

Ever afterwards when we went to the Hong Kong Cafe the man with the Chinese Smile also was there. I never looked at him again. I didn't have to. I knew he was smiling all over me. I sat at the table sunk in a scarlet sweat. I couldn't eat. A disastrous thing. Mother's pockets were always full of Exlax. A cure-all designed to rid my skinny body of shit it already lacked. I almost starved that winter, and Pittsburgh, a city that I had loved, was never able to play the violin for me again.

You can imagine my relief when in the Spring we moved to Atlanta. I saw traces of the Chinese Smile on the faces of the Negroes there, but wasn't unnerved by it since it didn't seem to be personally directed at me. I was very careful not to spill grits on anybody. I ate fried chicken and biscuits with gravy washed down with Dr. Pepper. Mother put away her Exlax and I began to grow fat. As my girth increased so did my dignity. In the South it's possible to be fat and dignified at the same time. At least that's what they think. I was so dignified now that I put shiny new nickels into my penny loafers.

I was browsing in a second-hand bookstore leafing through a copy of Hitler's *Mein Kampf*. There, pressed between the pages, lay the lovely remains of a scarlet rose. I became incensed at the blasphemy before me. (I had already decided to be a Liberal since they seemed to come out with the most dignity in the long run. If they weren't murdered and turned into umbrella stands first.) I wondered which of the brave and poetic Klansmen of Atlanta had done this indecent thing to this innocent flower. I removed it and rightously crumbled it into merciful dust between my chubby palms.

I'm forced to tell you that before doing this I made sure the proprietor wasn't looking. He was such a gentleman. Even though I was only a kid he called me "Miss." I ate it up. Such manners are required if a little white girl is to become a proper full-blown, sickly-sweet-smelling, magnificent Magnolia blossom of Southern Womanhood. I couldn't afford to offend him. My ultimate dignity was at stake. Fortunately for me he was busy with another customer at the time.

"Get out. You niggers don't require books. You're too smart for your own good already."

A sudden gleam of light from the cookbook section caught my eye. That's where the volumes on Cannibalism were kept. He was leaning up against a bookcase. Surely uncomfortable for a man with no arms. He smiled the Chinese Smile. In fleeing, I dropped *Mein Kampf*, permanently injuring my big, overfed right toe.

Once again Exlax loomed large upon the horizon. I was down to skin and bones and couldn't sleep. We moved to Boston. The very citadel of Dignity. I wasn't cheered. By now I knew the Awful Truth. It was him or me. I had to get rid of that little snot. Boston would be our Gettysburg. If I'd been smart I would have remembered that I was born in Richmond, Virginia.

The streets of Boston are narrow and congested with traffic. Even so, the air seemed always fresh to me. History of the most snobbish kind was alive and well all around me to be breathed in with exhilaration as from a fresh garlic. I was so dignified my skin was turning grey. I gave up my penny loafers for saddle oxfords with silver bells tied into the laces, as complemented my superior station. I loved the cold and adored the snow. It's easy to be dignified when you're frozen and covered with six feet of ice. Ask our dear Governor.

The snow was swirling in the blue air. It was late afternoon and already the street lights were on. The sound of traffic was muted and the human voice disappeared almost altogether. I was comfortable in another and long ago time. My mind safe in Back Bay Boston where the Cabots speak only to God.

"Would you care for light meat or dark meat, Miss Cabot?"

"Light meat, if you please, God."

"Nothing but the best for you, Miss Cabot."

"You are a gentleman of obvious quality, Sir."

"I insist that you have a side order of chicken fried rice as well."

"Thanks a whole lot, God, but I've already tried it."

"Keep trying it 'til you get it right!"

That Boston winter I caught lice (an angler's expression).

"What kinda bait you use, kid? Finest mess of lice I ever saw!"

"Aw shucks, when you got the knack you just whistle and they fall right into the boat!"

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This Is Sacramento

by James K. Graham, Editor

Our special feature in this issue is practically a gay guide to Sacramento and the surrounding area. During the summer, things tend to slow down — schools are closed, people go on vacation, organizations meet less frequently. But in September, the pace quickens again, people move into the area to go to school and start new jobs and vacations are over.

For ten months now, MOM... GUESS WHAT...! has been covering the Sacramento gay scene, but not until now have we presented a comprehensive look at our community from a gay point-of-view.

Because Sacramento doesn't have the kinds of gay residential and commercial neighborhoods that exist in San Francisco, Los Angeles and New York, many people, even Sacramento residents, think that it's a "dead" town.

What they fail to see is that gay life in Sacramento, while it may be less concentrated geographically, has special qualities of its own.

Many of these qualities are related to Sacramento's seeming unawareness that it is a large city. Especially downtown, one often gets the impression that Sacramento still thinks of itself as a small Central Valley town. This attitude, and the friendliness that goes along with it, combined with the old

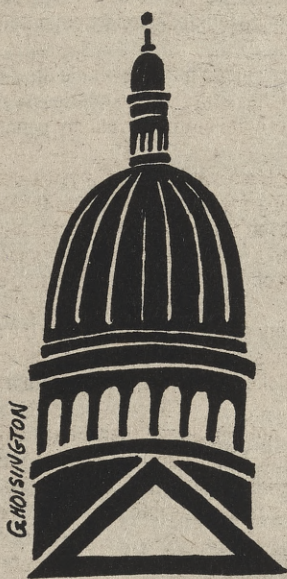
buildings and many trees and gardens make Sacramento a very pleasant place to live.

Sacramento does offer the nightlife of bars and discos for those who want it; many people also socialize in small or large gatherings in friends' homes. You will find, too, a number of good restaurants, theatres that show foreign films and revivals as well as those that show first-run features, musical events ranging from the Sacramento Symphony to rock concerts to college productions, major department stores and small specialty shops, vast shopping malls and distinguished Victorian neighborhoods.

For the politically-minded, the Capitol city offers not only the State Legislature but also the main offices of most State departments, bureaus, boards and so on. Many political organizations, including California Human Rights Advocates, the statewide gay lobby, have their headquarters here.

A number of organizations offer opportunities for involvement in the community in many ways: the Sacramento Women's Center, the National Organization for Women, the George Sand Community Benefit Fund, the Way Station, the Sacramento Valley Gay Speakers Bureau, Metropolitan Community Church, Dignity, the Great Northwest Imperial Empire, Families and Friends of Gays, the Women's Studies program at Sac State University, Gays Under 21, the River City Business Association, gay peoples unions and task forces at the colleges and many others.

This is Sacramento. Be a part of it. Enjoy it.



THIS IS SACRAMENTO

What Sacramento Needs . . . Is A Good Gay Restaurant

by James K. Graham

A good meal, well-prepared and accompanied by fine wine, served attentively and gracefully in comfortable yet elegant surroundings where one can feel as free as in one's own home.

What better way to impress someone special, to treat someone you love, to celebrate with friends, to develop an acquaintance, or just to enjoy good food?

Gay Sacramentans do not yet have such a restaurant. Sacramento has gay-owned restaurants, but they are basically casual, soup-and-sandwich places. Sacramento has fine restaurants, but they are often oppressively heterosexual.

The restaurant I would like to see in Sacramento would be truly first-class, perhaps not large, but excellent in every detail.

Superb food — a small menu would suffice, so long as it was imaginative, prepared with conscientious, inspired attention to detail, and used only fine, fresh ingredients.

Good wines — I would not demand an enormous cellar stocked with rare vintages, but it would be essential to offer a good selection of properly aged red wines, and I should like to be able to choose from a range of wines of each type. The cellar should also contain a variety of dessert wines, including aged vintage port.

The service — from the maitre d' to the wine steward to the waiters to the bus persons — should be attentive but not obtrusive, knowledgeable but not condescending, unfailingly polite, and always concerned to make the patrons comfortable, with sensitivity to the dynamics of gay couples and parties, both women and men.

The decor and atmosphere would be very important. The dining rooms should be intimate but not crowded, with a smoking area totally isolated from the non-smoking area. Too many gay restaurants have to double as bars, with the concomitant flash and noise, and too many are overdecorated, with a quasi-Wagnerian sense of elegance. This ideal gay restaurant must be rich but subtle, avoiding both clichés and startling originality, and above all avoiding garishness and gimmicks.

I don't think this is as far-fetched as it may sound. I know several cooks capable of producing cuisine of the requisite quality. The number of restaurants and other businesses in restored old houses downtown shows that finding the location should be no problem. Many people I've talked to share my feeling that we need such a place, and would, I think, guarantee its success by their patronage. What we need to do is to bring together the people — chefs, investors, managers — who have the resources and the dedication to make this dream a reality.

Tell Us What Sacramento Needs

We invite you to submit your suggestions about What Sacramento Needs for this new monthly feature of MOM... GUESS WHAT...!

The idea is to focus on things that would enhance gay life in Sacramento — businesses, services, social organizations, entertainment, sports, etc. Explain one thing that Sacramento needs and why, in 300 to 500 words, typed, double-spaced, and send it to MOM... GUESS WHAT...! Include your name, address and telephone number so that we can contact you if necessary. If you prefer to use a pen-name on your printed contribution, let us know what name you want used.

This may be a way not only to stir up public interest in improving the quality of gay life in Sacramento but also to bring people together to start new businesses, services, activities and organizations.

Gay Student Organizations

Gay leaders from four local colleges met twice this summer to form a new gay student organization, The Sacramento Area Inter-Campus Lesbian and Gay Council. The purpose of this group, as stated in its bylaws draft, is to "promote unity among Sacramento area gay students; to coordinate political, social and educational activities of the member campus gay student groups; and to coordinate student volunteer programs for various gay and gay-supportive community groups.

How the Inter-Campus Council will be led is presently the only unresolved organizational issue. Two alternatives are being considered — in one, the leadership would be shared by co-sexual presidents, in the other it would be assigned to a single president. In addition to its president(s), the group's membership will be composed of two representatives, one woman and one man from each area campus that has an official gay student organization. The Council will formally begin its work when the individual campus groups ratify a

set of bylaws and select their representatives, which should be accomplished by early October.

Gay student organizations on individual campuses have existed in the Sacramento area since 1969, when California State University Sacramento's Gay Peoples Union made its fiery debut on the local scene (see article by Charles Moore in this issue of MGW). The group has continued to be active up to the current time, last year sponsoring a gay awareness week and several off-campus picnics. For more information call Jason Lindo, this year's vice president, at 442-8683.

The Gay Student Union of the University of California at Davis appeared about 1970, initially functioning as a social group but later expanding its scope to include educational activities in 1973. For the last three years the Union has been closely affiliated with the Davis Gay Task Force. Extensive cross-membership often blurs the distinctions between these two groups, but the Task Force can generally be said to focus on political, social and educational activities while the Union organizes the gay awareness week and handles outreach to

gay students. According to Michelle R. Martin, the groups have a combined membership of over 250 people. She reports that the GSU/GTF is currently involved in lobbying for a gay rights ordinance for the city of Davis. The group also hopes to educate the gay community on its own types of oppression. Peer groups, a gay men's drop-in, a coming-out group for women and men and a women's rap group each meet once a week. Peer counselors are also available. For more information, call the Task Force office at 753-2070, on Monday through Friday between 3 and 5 pm.

American River College briefly had a gay student group in the mid-seventies, but a conservative college administration and the transfer of student leaders to various universities led to its quick demise. In January of this year, a new group was founded — the Gay Peoples Union. Among the Union's projects were a gay awareness week and a weekly gay rap group that was co-sponsored by the college Counseling Center. Ms. B.C. Hooper (991-5757) and Hal Coburn (446-7241) will head the

Union this year.

Like its sister community college, Sacramento City College had a gay student group that later became dormant. Founded in 1975, it experienced a short and active existence before folding in June, 1978. Student Lisa Brand (756-3435) will work to start a new group this Fall and is looking for faculty members and fellow students who are interested in helping her.

Cosumnes River College is the only Sacramento area undergraduate campus that does not currently have a gay student group in existence or in the making. The Inter-Campus Lesbian and Gay Council will assist any Cosumnes students interested in founding a group — it can be contacted through any of the above phone numbers, or through Kevin Casey at 446-7241. Various graduate school programs have loosely structured and low profile gay groups, whose main functions are generally social and supportive. The Council can also help anyone interested in contacting these groups.

Gay Groups In Sacramento

by Bill Spiller

G. HOISINGTON

Welcome to Sacramento! The following list and brief synopsis of major organizations has been compiled for the newcomer to the Sacramento area and for those "natives" not familiar with what Sacramento has to offer in the way of entertainment, political groups and support organizations.

For a complete listing of gay businesses to fill your every need, please refer to our Business Directory that lists every business from Architects to Cab Drivers, to Insurance to Printers, to Writers/Editing, including Sacramento's own "River City Business Association".

CALIFORNIA HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCATES, (CHRA), 1107-9th St., Suite 1019, Sacto., CA. 95814, 448-6666

CHRA is the only statewide lobbying organization that works fulltime to advance the rights of gay people. CHRA sponsors a professional lobbyist in the State Legislature. CHRA works for gays and works against oppression. In the future, it plans to work for other needs of the gay community — rights to fair treatment in child custody matters, housing, credit and more.

SACRAMENTO WOMEN'S CENTER, 2104 Capitol Ave, Sacto., CA. 95816 441-0275

The Sacramento Women's Center houses the Bookstore, Rape Crisis Center, and Women's Information Service. The center will make referrals to women-owned Businesses, medical help, employment, and has many activities for women. Feel free to drop by the center.

GAYS UNDER 21

GAYS UNDER 21 is a new organization to Sacramento. The basic aim is to "provide mutual support for under-21 gay people." Issues that are of concern are coming out, dealing with parents and gay socializing. All gays under 21 are welcome. Contact Alvin at 451-3600 (1 p.m.-5 p.m.), Rich at 447-1108, or the Way Station at 447-1171.

McRAE OPERA HOUSE, Lincoln & Main Sts., Roseville, 782-8333

The **McRAE OPERA HOUSE**, located 15 minutes from Sacramento, has recently opened its doors to offer fine dining and entertainment from the theater. Currently prices are \$10 for show and dinner, or \$3.50 for the show. The McRae Opera House is currently open on Friday and Saturday evenings with dinner served at 7 p.m. and the show at 8:30 p.m. Reservations are recommended. Call 782-8333.

VALLEY KNIGHTS MOTORCYCLE CLUB, Sacto., CA. 95818

The **VALLEY KNIGHTS MOTORCYCLE CLUB** is dedicated to the safe and responsible motorcycling. Non-bikers, welcome to join. There are no dues. Valley Knights also sponsors "C" a benefit for the George Sand

FRIENDS AND FAMILIES OF GAYS (FFOG), 442-6576, 442-0656.

FFOG is an informal support group for gays and their families to understand each other through rap sessions, public means such as speaking engagements, classes and working for gay liberation. Meetings are held every other Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., at Saint Francis, 25th & K Sts.

FRIENDS COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION (FCL), Suite 1015, Sacto., CA 95814, 448-6666

The **FRIENDS COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION** is a Quaker sponsored organization that works for the State Legislature on such issues as criminal justice, civil rights, children's rights, women's rights.

LADY GARNET PRESENTS, 4601 West Sacto., CA 95691, 371-2411

Lady Garnet Presents is a non-profit organization that sponsors fund raising events for various organizations. Events held include the Cinderella Ball and Valentine's Day

MOM ... GUESS WHAT ... I.P.O.B. 95818, 456-5858, 362-8283 (10 p.m.-11 p.m. Fri.)

MOM ... GUESS WHAT ... I is a newspaper. Let us hear from you. Held for community input the 4th of July, 7:30 p.m., at the Real Estate St. Volunteers always needed.

WOMEN OVER 35, is an organization for recreational activities for lesbians over 35. Usually, they get together monthly for potlucks, trips, hikes and outings.

G.N.I.E., Box 15731, Sacto., CA. 95818

G.N.I.E. is the Court here in Sacramento. Together form community based activities. Annually they have an Empress and Emperor at the Meetings are the 1st Monday at the Parking Lot at 8 p.m.

THIS IS

Gay Liberation In Sacramento The Beginnings At Sac State

by Charles Moore

In the summer of 1969, New York's famous Christopher Street bar incident occurred; for several days running, gay people protested violently against police brutality and harassment. In cities and towns across the nation, we waited to see what would happen. We hoped that a sexual revolution had taken place. Then we realized that if Gay Liberation was going to touch our own lives, we would have to create that liberation for ourselves. And so we did.

Sacramento's Gay Liberation began as a campus-based operation attached to CSUS (then called Sacramento State College). In the winter of 1969-70, Professor Marty Rogers called together a group of about 20 men — mostly faculty and students, with a few friends from off campus. I remember well that first evening in Marty's apartment. Though most of us knew one another, a furtive, conspiratorial air dominated. At that first meeting we made jokes about the vice squad's busting us, and we decided not to commit our names to a list. I had gone to that first meeting thinking that the prospect of Gay Liberation in Sacramento was entirely too dangerous; I planned to talk out against such an organization. But I was moved by my friends who said that we too had

rights and should defend them. I was hooked. I think we were all ready for the change in self-definition that Gay Liberation offered.

The dynamics of the next several meetings were especially interesting and important to the development of Gay Liberation locally. We discovered where our strengths lay in the group: Who would lead? Whose analysis was most appealing? What were our goals? Our strategies? Then came the name of the organization. At that juncture we seemed more concerned with public reaction than anything else. One faction wanted to use the **homophile**; another insisted on **homosexual**; some people preferred a title that gave nothing away (perhaps something like "The Tuesday Club"). Finally we adopted the pretentious and rather ungainly mouthful, The Society for Homosexual Freedom. (Later the name was changed to Gay Liberation.) We then applied for a student charter.

We had not, however, reckoned with Acting President Otto Butts — who wanted very much to be permanently named president of the college. In the spring of 1970, Otto rejected our student organization charter, explaining that such a club might bring more homosexuals to the campus and that we might lead young people astray. At that

point, a local non-gay ACLU lawyer, John Poswall, stepped in and took our case **free of charge**. While citing Gay Liberation student cases still pending in the East, John won by insisting upon our constitutional rights and by noting that Otto Butts had prejudged our activities. Our first victory cheered us greatly and helped us realize that we might depend upon the courts to uphold our constitutional rights. Thus, with the approval of the gay students' organization, we developed a political consciousness.

In the protected and relatively enlightened atmosphere of campus life, we flourished. In the spring of 1971, we held a week-long Gay Symposium, approved by the campus Cultural Programs Committee and funded by the Associated Students. People already important in developing gay identity agreed to participate in the symposium: Phyllis Lyon, Del Martin, Allen Ginsburg, Sally Gearhart, Joel Fort, John Rechy. Even the local police sent representatives for a panel discussion. The symposium was a spectacular success. That spring the Faculty Senate selected Professor Martin Rogers, the faculty sponsor of the Gay Symposium, to deliver the annual faculty address to the campus.

During that same academic year (1970-71),

campus awareness of gay life styles made new demands upon us: The Gay Speakers' Bureau came into being. I remember that those first speaking engagements were particularly terrifying affairs. We often met with antagonism and hostility from the audience. As speakers, we struggled to express our identity. Out of exuberance, we sometimes proclaimed ourselves superior to the rest of humanity. I suspect that our militancy must have seemed very frightening indeed. In time, of course, we developed a smoother rhetoric. We were much in demand not only on the Sac State campus, but at local community colleges, high schools, and church groups.

By the fall of 1971, Gay Liberation had generated a great deal of academic interest on the campus. We began to develop courses which dealt with gay life styles, history, and literature. At one point, there were some seven different classes dealing with some aspect of homosexuality as a major focus. Since we had seen the then recent rise of Ethnic Studies and Women's Studies, it occurred to us that we might even develop a Gay Studies program. Unfortunately, in spite of our enthusiasm, we were unable to get full faculty support and approval. The Gay Studies project faltered for a variety of reasons, including some

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KNIGHTS MOTORCYCLE CLUB, P.O. BOX 8163, CA. 95818

ALLEY KNIGHTS MOTORCYCLE CLUB is dedicated to the safe and recreational fun in cycling. Non-bikers, men and women are welcome to join. There are no age barriers. The club also sponsors "Christmas Knights", a benefit for the George Sand Fund, in December.

AND FAMILIES OF GAYS (FFOG), 455-2100 or 456-4426.

is an informal support group that assists and helps their families to understand and accept them through rap sessions while using more means such as speaking to groups and working for gay legislative matters. Meetings are held every other Wednesday (1st & 3rd p.m.), at Saint Francis School Cafeteria, K Sts.

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION, 1107-9th St., 15, Sacto., CA 95814, 443-3734

FRIENDS COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION is a sponsored organization that lobbies the legislature on such issues as gay rights, justice, civil rights, children's rights, and women's rights.

GARNET PRESENTS, 4601 Lake Road #109, Sacto., CA 95691, 371-2474

Garnet Presents is a non-profit organization sponsors fund raising events for gay organizations. Events held annually are the La Ball and Valentine Ball.

GUESS WHAT ... P.O. BOX 8170, Sacto., CA 95818, 456-5858, 362-8283 (10 a.m.-5 p.m., Mon.-

GUESS WHAT ... I is Sacramento's gay paper. Let us hear from you! Meetings are held every 4th Monday of each month (7:30 p.m.), at the Real Estate Place, 2115 J. Volunteers always needed.

OVER 35, is an organization for support and social activities for lesbians over the age of 35. They get together a couple of times a month for potlucks, trips, hikes, and other social

Box 15731, Sacto., CA. 95813

E. is the Court here in Sacramento that gets its form from community benefits and social issues. Annually they have elections for King and Queen at the Coronation Ball. Events are the 1st Monday at the Fireside Room and the 2nd Monday at the Parking Lot at 8 p.m.

RIVER CITY BUSINESS ASSOCIATION, P.O. BOX 160696, Sacto, CA 95816, 456-5858

The River City Business Association, a non-profit organization, is comprised of over 50 business people in the Sacramento area. Meetings are held every 2nd Thursday, 7:30 p.m., Whistle Stop in Old Sacramento. See related article this issue.

CAMPING WOMEN, 2720 Armstrong Drive, Sacto. CA 95825, 488-1297

CAMPING WOMEN is a nationwide network of outdoorsy women who enjoy hiking, camping, backpacking and the like. Write to them for membership information and calendar of events.

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN (NOW) P.O. BOX 1404, Sacto., CA. 95807, 443-3470

NOW's office in Sacramento is a legislative office for all of California dealing in such women's issues as employment, gay rights, abortion, and sexual assault. The Sacramento Chapter office also has approximately 10 task forces dealing in specific women's issues. NOW meets every 3rd Wednesday, 7 p.m. at the YWCA, 17th & L Sts. All women and men invited.

GEORGE SAND COMMUNITY, Benefit Fund, P.O. BOX 1392, North Highlands, CA. 95660

The **GEORGE SAND COMMUNITY BENEFIT FUND** was founded one year ago to aid people in the community in need of emergency funds. Funding is provided and sustained through memberships (\$5 per year) and donations. Meetings are held the 1st Tuesday of each month at the Del Prado Restaurant.

THE WAY STATION, 1403 I St., Sacto., CA. 95814, 447-1171

The Way Station provides referrals for and maintains liaison contact with agencies that will provide services from health, legal, recreational to housing and counseling for gay people. Drop in or call.

METROPOLITAN CHURCH OF CHRIST, 2741-34th St. Sacto., CA 451-5552

MCC is a Christian Church with an outreach to the gay community. Religious services are held Sundays at 11 a.m. and 7:15 p.m. and Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m. Other services provided are a Gay Rap Group held Tuesdays at 7 p.m. and Gay Alcoholics Anonymous meetings held Wednesdays at 8 p.m.

DIGNITY, P.O. BOX 161765, Sacto., CA. 448-3777

DIGNITY is a Roman Catholic sponsored organization that offers men and women of all religions and beliefs a place to worship. **DIGNITY** is also a support and socializing group for gays and their friends. Mass (religious service) is held the 2nd Sunday of each month, 3 p.m. at Saint Francis Church, 26th & K Sts.

HIDE & SEEK, 825 Sunset Ave., Bryte, 371-0238

The **HIDE & SEEK** is one of the first gay establishments in the Sacramento area. Open 7 days a week 'til 2 a.m., the Hide & Seek is a mixture of socializing, bar, and great disco music. Men and women welcome. Cover charge \$1 on Friday and Saturday evenings with afterhours Friday and Saturdays. Hard liquor is served. Many activities are offered.

PARKING LOT, 2804 Auburn Blvd., Sacto., 482-7772

The **PARKING LOT**, boasted as the largest gay complex in the United States, is open 7 days a week from 2 p.m.-2 a.m. with facilities such as a swimming pool, tennis court, volleyball, cocktail bar, game room, sauna, music, and dancing. Fee for pool use is \$2.50/day or by membership. Currently no cover.

RAY'S MERCANTILE SALOON, 1928 L St., Sacto., 447-0792

The **MERCANTILE** is a cocktail bar where women and men are welcome to sit, drink and socialize around the stone fireplace. Music is provided, subtly, by a corner jukebox. Open 7 days per week, 11:30 a.m.-2 a.m. No cover. Hard liquor.

BOJANGLE'S, 7042 Folsom Blvd., Sacto., 383-9882

Open 7 days a week from 9 p.m.-2 a.m., **BOJANGLE'S** serves beer, wine and foods of all sorts. **BOJANGLE'S** also boasts an outdoor firepit and some of the hottest disco sounds around. Cover Thursday and Sunday \$1, Friday and Saturday \$2. Men and women welcome.

CRESCENT MOON, 1704 Broadway, Sacto, 441-4650

A women's bar and disco, the **CRESCENT MOON** is open Tuesday-Sunday (closed Monday) for socializing and good times for women. Beer and wine are served and there is a \$1.50 cover Friday and Saturday evenings.

THE HUT, 2700 West Capitol Ave., West Sacto., CA 95691, 371-6232.

The **HUT**, one of Sacramento's hottest discos for men is open weekends only, with a \$1 cover. Serving beer and liquor until 2 A.M., The **HUT** features a lit dance floor and special lighting effects.

FRANK'S UNDERPASS, 1946 Broadway, Sacto., 457-5867.

Lauded as the "Friendliest Bar in Town", The **UNDERPASS** is open 7 days a week 2 pm - 2 am with pool, pinball, jukebox music and dancing. Beer and wine are served by the amiable bartenders Chris, Keith, Samo and Dan. Special food feasts are offered on Wednesdays, 6 pm to 8 pm for \$2.00 for all you can eat.

UPSTAIRS/DOWNSTAIRS, 1225 K St., Sacto., 448-2866

Open 7 days a week til 2 a.m., the **UPSTAIRS/DOWNSTAIRS**, located on the K St., Mall, is Sacramento's newest disco, with great lighting effects, welcoming men and women for an evening of great music and dancing. \$1 cover, good for one drink. Serving hard liquor, beer and wine.

JOSEPH'S, 7604 Fair Oaks Blvd., Carmichael, 484-9112.

JOSEPH'S Bar and Restaurant, located in Carmichael, offers an array of delicious food, beer and wine. **JOSEPH'S** is open 7 days a week, 11:30 am - 2 am and is the spot for frequent performers such as Michael Greer and Gail Smith. Joseph's welcomes men and women.

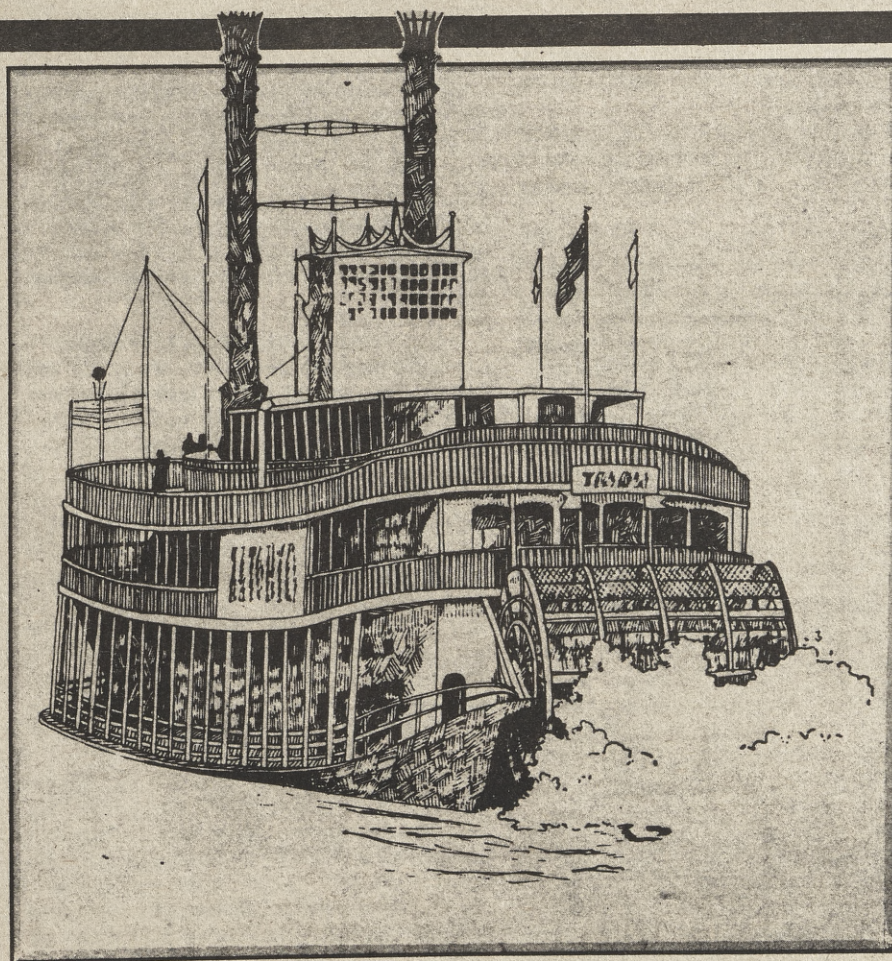
STEAM WORKS, 2551 5th St., Sacto., 443-1515

The **STEAM WORKS** bathhouse is open 7 days weekly/24 hours daily. Men only on Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Co-Ed on Sunday, Monday and Thursday. Facilities provided are rooms, lockers, jacuzzi, showers, swimming pool, TV room, movie room, game room (pinball, pool) and steam room. Free beer and special discounts on certain nights.

CLUB BATHS, 1537 Sacramento Ave., Bryte, 371-9949.

The **CLUB BATHS** is a men's club in a newly renovated three-story building. The first floor contains a sauna, Japanese soaking pool, steam room, TV room, movie room, pool room, 42 lockers, 39 rooms and food vending area. The second floor houses 19 additional rooms and the third floor boasts a sun/moon deck. A music sound system will be expanded from the first floor to the second and third floors. Good security system, posted regulations are enforced of no alcohol, drugs and the time limit is strictly upheld. Open 7 days/24 hours, prices vary from \$3-\$5. John Martin is your host and manager.

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Where To Go, What To Do

Buying Food and Drink

In most grocery stores these days, shopping for food is boring and routine. You find the same standard items in every supermarket, just as advertised on TV. You find meat and fish wrapped in plastic and styrofoam. You find a limited, prepackaged selection of cheeses and meats in the deli case. In the wine section, you have a choice between Gallo and Colony, with Almaden, Paul Masson, and Inglenook thrown in to provide class.

In Sacramento, however, a local chain of markets provides an alternative to the Safeway-Albertsons-Alpha Beta blues. Corti Brothers, grocers and wine merchants, furnish all the standard supermarket brands — plus. In their full-service meat departments real butchers help you select just the roast or steak or fish you want, cut or crack or bone it as you request, and even advise you on how to prepare it. The complete delicatessens feature a mouthwatering array of cheeses, sausages, meats, breads, and other delicacies. The wine and liquor departments selections of table wines, sherries, ports, Madeiras, Scotches, and rums not available anywhere else.

Shopping at Corti Brothers is more than utilitarian restocking of the pantry and the refrigerator; it's an adventure and a treat. If you really care about food, you can't stay away from Corti Brothers.

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de new internal personal problems. Today only a few courses in homosexuality remain.

Along the way, a small group of students decided to start a Gay Coffee House. At first it floated from apartment to apartment, the notice of its weekly whereabouts spread mostly by word of mouth and by a small mimeographed newsletter called **The Gay Voice**. Much credit for the Coffee House's success and duration must go to Edgar Carpenter (now living in San Francisco), who kept it going for several years. The Gay Coffee House allowed gay people to gather in a new kind of setting. It was often called an alternative to the bars (though I noted that most of the Coffee House clientele also went to the bars).

Though the Coffee House was primarily intended to provide social experiences, a second function developed: it became a forum for sharing ideas in the gay community. Consciousness-raising groups and special interest groups developed. It was an exciting concept. The Coffee House took the campus Gay Liberation to the greater community and allowed us to interact with non-campus gay people. The Gay Coffee House built a bridge between the CSUS Gay Liberation group and Sacramento's gay community.

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Sacramento Area Gay Speakers Bureau

by Kevin Casey

The Sacramento area has two gay speakers organizations, the Sacramento Valley Gay Speakers Bureau and the Davis Gay Speakers Bureau. Both bureaus send articulate and informed gay women and men to speak to various school and community groups, seeking to help end the persecution which is grounded in ignorance, myths and distortions about homosexuality and gay lifestyles.

Speakers bureaus, as educational arms of the gay rights movement, have a long and fragmented history in the Sacramento area. A bureau formed by gay leaders at Sacramento State University in 1970 and 1971 was probably the earliest attempt to establish an organized group that would regularly solicit and fill speaking engagements on gay issues. Within several years, however, this group no longer existed as a definable entity although previous members did maintain some outreach contacts and occasionally addressed audiences together.

The Sacramento Metropolitan Community Church also had a gay speakers bureau at one time. It was formed around 1975 or 1976 and during

its existence provided speakers for such diverse groups as the Rotary Club, the Welfare Department, adoption bureaus and college classes. The departure of several key individuals, and since the remaining members had other pressing concerns, by the Spring of 1978 the church no longer had a speakers bureau although it did continue to send out speakers to fill occasional incoming requests.

existing gay speakers organization in the Sacramento area. Based in the Davis Gay Task Force, a political, social and educational gay action group, this bureau was first organized in late 1976 although area gay activists had been doing public speaking since 1973. The new group was actively speaking by mid-1977 and by early 1978 and held its first workshops to train prospective speakers.

The spectre of the Briggs Initiative led the Davis Bureau in the Spring of 1978 to make initial contacts with Sacramento gay leaders for the establishment of a joint bureau — and in the Summer of 1978 the Sacramento-Davis Gay Speakers Bureau was formed to raise the consciousness of the greater Sacramento area community on gay issues, particularly Proposition

6, the Briggs Initiative.

This joint bureau experienced a flurry of activity in the months prior to the November, 1978 election. Many new speakers were trained and aggressive outreach efforts on the part of the bureau and the Sacramento Valley No-on-6 campaign brought in numerous speaking engagements. After a brief hiatus following the election, at the beginning of this year the bureau renamed itself the Sacramento Valley Gay Speakers Bureau and settled down to the more mundane tasks of establishing ongoing outreach contacts, doing general speaking engagements, improving training and developing organizational structure and policy for the arduous work of educating a frequently ignorant and bigoted community.

Heated internal conflict soon arose within the bureau over issues of speaker qualifications and booking policy, and in the early summer the Davis Gay Speakers Bureau formally cut ties with the larger group, partly because of philosophical differences but also because of a desire to maintain overall local autonomy. The Davis bureau is now reorganizing under the leadership of Bruce McDannold and plans to resume its activities in late September with the training of

new speakers. There will be openings for eight trainees (four women and four men) — people seeking more information on the Davis bureau can call McDannold at 758-0667 or Paul Harris at 756-0321.

The Sacramento Valley Gay Speakers Bureau, headed by Kevin Casey and now consisting solely of Sacramento speakers, is also reorganizing. After a busy six months in which forty-five speaking engagements were filled for a total audience of fourteen hundred people, the summer dearth of speaking requests is finally allowing time for work on policy issues.

At the group's next general meeting, a bureau committee will present a proposed set of bylaws and associated policies. The meeting is on September 12 at 7:30 in the auditorium of William Land Elementary School, 2120 12th Street, Sacramento. The meeting is open to all interested members of the gay community. For more information call Casey at 446-7241.

The Sacramento bureau is also having a potluck on Saturday, September 8, from 4 to 11. It, too, is open to non-members. For more information call Kathleen at 441-2997.

Gay Health Care In Sacramento

by Edgar Poma

Many of the current gay health care services and options available in Sacramento evolve from doctors, dentists, therapists, social workers and students who care about the present and future health care demands of the gay community they are members of.

According to Sue Glowes, chairperson of the gay task force set up by the Division of Mental Health of the Sacramento-based U.C. Davis Medical Center, the formation of good health care services for gays increases as gay men and women become more politically active. She feels that health care for gays in Sacramento is steadily growing and expanding.

"I think a good example of growth is the task force itself, which is specifically looking for and at services in the gay community," Glowes states.

The task force focuses on the "treatment of gay people within our system and how well we are relating to other agencies in terms of gay people and gay rights."

Consisting of approximately ten members, the task force is essentially an exploratory group which is also receptive to gay community interest and requests for referrals.

As an executive of the South Area Mental Health Clinic, Glowes sees an increasing number of gay people seeking services, and is heartened by the fact that gay people who do need help are willing to come into mental health settings and to let go of preconceptions formed about mental health consultation and treatment.

Glowes says that gays who have questions about mental health services and brief-term therapy are encouraged to contact the Crisis Intervention Unit, located at the South Area Mental Health Clinic, at 453-3650. The clinic's staff and list of referrals include both gay therapists and non-gay therapists who are compassionate and appreciate gay issues.

Physician and internist Harvey Thompson believes that the primary health problem facing gay men and women today is "their mental health — accepting themselves." Physically, he finds that gay patients suffer from pretty much the same things affecting non-gay people — hypertension, obesity, strep throats, bronchitis, etc. — but in addition have special problems, such as hepatitis transmission, venereal disease, anal warts, alcoholism.

Dr. Thompson opened his Sacramento office three months ago to straights and gays. "Most of my patients are gay," he points out, "but I have married couples, little ol' ladies, elderly men and straight burly construction workers. I don't discuss with the patient my being gay if it's not appropriate. But I think it's appropriate with a gay patient — I can see it in their faces when they say they're gay and I can say, 'Fine, so am I.'"

This usually allows for better communication, although Dr. Thompson stresses that "it doesn't really matter if I'm gay or not, or whether a patient of mine is or isn't. My first obligation is to be a good physician."

Dr. Thompson says that major medical organizations and associations stand on homosexual doctors and patients is okay — on paper. "But there's still a lot of prejudice against being gay," he states. "Sometimes it's hard for me to tell another doctor that I'm gay — imagine how

difficult it is for a patient to tell his doctor!

"I do believe, however, that most straight doctors can handle being told, especially the younger, more liberal-minded ones. As for my own relationships with straight doctors, I value their expertise and friendship but I'm honest with them about myself when it's appropriate."

He feels that Sacramento has a long way to go in dealing with gays, let alone dealing with their health problems. He cites the situation of a gay male not being able to see his lover in intensive care in a local hospital because only family members are allowed to visit.

Essentially, Dr. Thompson is finding that gay individuals and families are demanding good health care like everyone else in Sacramento. "I think we're at a point where gays are supporting other gays in the professional and business fields more and more," concludes Dr. Thompson, "because it helps themselves feel more comfortable when they go to, say, a gay health care provider whose reception room is where the closet used to be."

Gays in the medical profession locally are also well-represented in the Gay Medical Group, an organization of doctors, dentists, and students founded by Dr. Arthur Katz, who has been practicing dentistry in the Sacramento area for five years, two years at Mather Air Force Base and now in private practice. The Group had its organizational meeting on November 12, 1978, and remains an active and vital component in the advancement of good health care for gay men and women.

Dr. Katz is now attempting to gear his practice toward gays. "I'm not excluding non-gays," he explains, "but I do feel I can offer more to my gay patients."

He talks candidly about the opinions of medical colleagues and the fact that those he has talked to really don't see why he should gear his practice toward gays.

"Some feel my stand will hurt my practice, others simply feel any professional can take care of gays," Dr. Katz states. "My contention is that a lot of things are overlooked, and there's sometimes a very real attitude problem on the part of a heterosexual doctor treating a gay patient."

This lack of communication in the doctor-patient relationship is the root of the gay health care problem in Sacramento and nationwide, according to Dr. Katz.

"I have known gay patients who could not communicate with straight doctors," he remarks, "and many who seek out clinics because of this fact. I know clinics involve a lot of waiting, and that can put a person off, for good reason."

"When I started my practice, 15% of my patients were gay. Presently, at least half of my patients are acknowledged gays and the figure is increasing so I can see a predominantly gay clientele. I feel so much more comfortable with this type of practice and receive a terrific amount of satisfaction helping people I have a great deal in common with."

A clinical faculty member of the U.C. Davis Dept. of Psychiatry who is now in private practice, psychiatrist Elizabeth Harrison feels there are significant problems with health care for gay women and men in Sacramento but "the situation will improve as more gay doctors and therapists

identify themselves to the gay community.

"Lesbians and gay men take a risk when they choose heterosexual therapists or physicians as homophobia is subtle but rampant. Good physicians and therapists are hard to find; good health care providers who are non-homophobic are even harder to find."

According to Dr. Harrison, alcoholism and drug abuse are significant problems for gays in Sacramento; unfortunately, non-homophobic treatment programs are hard to find.

"If a gay person wants a quality doctor or therapist, I advise 'word-of-mouth' recommendations," says Dr. Harrison.

In several years, medical student Marcia Betson, a pseudonym, hopes to attain the high level of respect accorded a professional and community activist like Elizabeth Harrison. Betson cites personal experience in her decision to enter medical school specializing in obstetrics and gynecology.

"Whether they knew I was homosexual or not, I've always had doctors lecturing me and generally treating me like I was empty-headed and couldn't think for myself, especially on what was morally right for me," she asserts. "I've also had lesbian friends who have been treated with the same kind of insensitivity. I think most gays go into medicine because they want to help other gays downstream and promote a sort of unity and pride. Straights in private practice rarely acknowledge the gay family unit because it is generally childless, and to them that means abnormality, especially when doctors are taught so thoroughly to anticipate, save and glorify life. The symbolism of all of that is Dick and Jane and Junior, certainly not Jane and Jane or Dick and Dick."

Betson would like to see more exclusively gay health care facilities in Sacramento, namely a Gay People's V.D. Clinic and a pain clinic, based on clinics she has visited recently — the Gay Men's V.D. Clinic in Berkeley and the City of Hope National Medical Center in Duarte. She would also like to see a gay education program devised for students about to complete their basic medical training.

"If that were initiated years ago, it would have eliminated the presence of some very cynical and contemptuous straight doctors here in town," she adds. Betson's favorite "back-up of a problem" story is her account of a gay male friend who visited the emergency room of a local South Area hospital one night with a piece of zucchini stuck up his anus. An examining doctor treated the young patient brusquely and demanded with a smirk, "So what happened to you?" to which the young gay responded sarcastically, "I fell in my garden, what do you think?" Certainly not to be outdone in the wit or any other department by a homosexual, the doctor muttered, "Well, listen, I just don't know about you fairies. Every other night I get some screwball who's either fallen into his garden or parachuted into a banana tree."

Betson's reasons for not "coming out" — at least not yet — is out of fear of being ostracized by her peers and those who rule her future medicine. "I have friends in med school who aren't as paranoid as I am," she says, "but I am simply playing it safe. There are a lot of people out there who want to see females, especially gay females, fall flat on their faces."

Medical student John Sorbo feels even more strongly that adequate health care is not available to gay men and women in the Sacramento area at this time. He feels that the responsibility for change rests on the shoulders of gay and non-gay health professionals alike and that assertive gay health consumers will speed the process of change.

Sorbo observes that many gay men in Sacramento seek medical attention in the Bay Area from gay clinics and gay physicians because, for lack of choice or for personal reasons, they are reluctant to see local professionals.

"However, the wide publicity generated by the San Francisco-based gay doctor's group, Bay Area Physicians for Human Rights, is a factor in making gay people realize there are gay-supportive health care workers out there," Sorbo states. "The need for more openly gay health care is crucial."

Sorbo encourages gays to enter the medical profession and stresses the need for physicians and health care workers to provide good health care for gay people, educate gay people about health care, and provide positive gay role models.

Asked if there were medical conditions unique to gay males, Sorbo states there are a number of illnesses which gay men who have a variety of sexual partners are particularly susceptible to. "These would include diseases such as hepatitis and some of the parasitic diarrheal diseases. The spread of these sexually-transmitted diseases is hastened by the reluctance of physicians and gay patients to discuss gay sexuality. For instance, the fact that you are a gay male is very important information for a physician to know when you come to that physician with symptoms of diarrhea and abdominal pain."

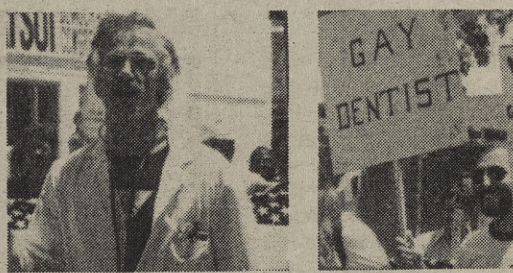
"One practice uniformly condemned by gay physicians is fist-fucking — it's a dangerous practice and many gay men have suffered because of it."

"Another area of concern is that many gay men don't realize that anal/oral contact can be hazardous because certain bacteria and viruses are easily transmitted this way from an infected partner. Personal hygiene measures — e.g., washing with soap and water — should be used if anal/oral contact is a regular part of one's sexual practices."

Sorbo advises gays to have regular check-ups at health clinics and centers, or from a private physician. Gays who have numerous sexual partners should get tested for syphilis and gonorrhea at least three or four times a year.

As a medical student working and training extensively at hospitals, Sorbo reports positive feedback from gay patients. As to whether or not a gay patient should seek the services of a gay doctor, Sorbo's attitude is that "if you want to find a long-term physician, eventually it becomes important to the relationship that the physician appreciates your lifestyle. A doctor can be supportive without necessarily being gay but a homophobic physician is unlikely to provide adequate medical care."

The Sacramento Medical Society (452-2671) offers a doctor referral service free to Sacramento and El Dorado County residents, but does not have a special listing of gay doctors. The medical society also accepts complaints against doctors who are members of their strictly voluntary organization.



Art

Economic Survival In the Arts Conference Set

The Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission can help individual artists and arts organizations help themselves through an arts conference, "Economic Survival in the Arts," September 24 and 25 at the Mansion Inn, 16th and H Streets, Sacramento. The conference is sponsored in part by a grant from the California Arts Council.

Subjects to be explored through workshops and panel discussions include fundraising, grantwriting, and contract and copyright law.

Practicing artists Fred Ball, a local enamelist, and Emily Keeler, a choreographer-dancer, will sit on a panel discussion concerning arts employment.

Ball, also an art critic and publisher author, is

involved in various commissioned artworks around the country. Keeler, Associate Artistic Director for the San Francisco Moving Company, recently sold a piece of choreography to the Joffrey Ballet Company, and has received a 1979 choreographic fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Registration deadline for the conference is September 21, 1979. Registration fee is \$15.00 which includes admittance to all workshops, entertainment and three meals.

For more information, contact the Arts Commission office, 801 Ninth Street, Room 214, Sacramento, 95814, or phone 449-5321.

Goines Showing

The largest exhibit ever assembled in Sacramento of original posters by David Lance Goines, well known Berkeley artist, will be on view at Pava's, 2330 K Street, September 3-18. Over 30 of the unique works, many of them quite rare and never before shown in the area, will be exhibited.

Goines is a poster maker in the traditional sense — clients come to him with commissions for posters; to announce events or publicize a business or product. The technical excellence with which Goines executes his posters is an integral

part of their appeal.

Rara Avis, the group sponsoring the show, is an art consulting firm specializing in investment graphics. The partners, Gloria Burt and Michael Meischke, are working to bring good original art at affordable prices to Sacramento. Ms. Burt was associated with several fine art galleries in San Francisco. She was the Director of Gilbert Galleries on Sutter Street before coming to this area and now is an Interior Designer for a local department store.

Repertory Classics Highlight Sacto's '79-'80 Symphony Season

by James K. Graham

For those who enjoy classical music, the Sacramento Symphony Orchestra is the area's main source of live concerts. The 85-member ensemble has an eight-program season running from October through April. It also offers the Connoisseur Series of chamber music and more esoteric selections, presents Handel's *Messiah* around Christmas time, and plays children's and pops concerts.

Since its founding in 1949, the Sacramento Symphony has had three conductors: Fritz Berens, Harry Newstone, and Carter Nice, the current Music Director. Under Berens, the Symphony was simply a community orchestra. Under Newstone, whose tenure lasted from the mid-60's to 1978, the orchestra grew in size and professionalism, and developed into an excellent band with a good command of a wide repertoire. Nice, chosen from among eight guest conductors in the 1978-79 season, has stated his intention of continuing that building process.

The Sacramento Symphony Association operates on a budget of around \$500,000, and has greatly increased fund-raising activity in recent years. People are encouraged not only to subscribe to the concerts, but also to join the Symphony Association. For information on tickets and membership, contact the Sacramento Symphony Association, 451 Parkfair Drive, Suite 11, Sacramento 95825, 488-0800.

The Symphony's programs for 1979-80 will feature primarily the basic Romantic and early Modern repertoire — Beethoven through Bartok, going back a bit to Bach and Mozart, and forward a bit to Orff and Ginastera. It is a little disappointing to see no Mozart or Haydn symphonies, both specialties of Harry Newstone, and no Brahms, Dvorak, or Mahler, whom Newstone interpreted very well toward the end of his tenure. Yet the programs should be interesting; they're not made up entirely of tired warhorses, and they give evidence of Conductor Nice's determination to develop both orchestra and audience.

The programs, conductors, soloists, and dates of concerts are listed below, with recommended recordings of the works. Saturday evening concerts begin at 8:30 p.m.; Sunday afternoon concerts at 3 p.m.

October 13 and 14: Carter Nice, conductor; Steven De Groote, pianist.

Beethoven *Leonore Overture No. 3* (Szell, Cleveland Orchestra, Columbia MS - 7068; Klemperer, Philharmonia, Seraphim S - 60261)

Prokofiev *Piano Concerto No. 3* (Ashkenazy, Previn, London Symphony, London CS - 6964)

Tchaikovsky *Symphony No. 4* (Monteux, Boston Symphony, RCA AGL1 - 1328)

November 3 and 4: Carter Nice, conductor; Gilberto Munguia, cellist.

Rossini *Barber of Seville Overture* (Giulini, Philharmonia, Seraphim S - 60138; Marriner, St. Martin's Academy, Philips 6500878)

Elgar *Cello Concerto* (Tortelier, Boulton, London Philharmonic, Angel S - 37029)

Sibelius *Symphony No. 2* (Szell, Concertgebouw Orchestra, Festivo 6570084; Barbirolli, Royal Philharmonic, Quintessence 7008)

December 1 and 2: Paul Freeman, conductor; Nobuko Imae, violinist.

Glinka *Russian and Ludmilla Overture* (Rodzinski, Royal Philharmonic, Seraphim S - 60074; Rostropovich, Orchestre de Paris, Angel S - 37464)

Bloch *Suite for Viola and Orchestra* (Katims, Siegl, Seattle Symphony, Turnabout TV - 34622)

Rachmaninoff *Symphony No. 2* (Ormandy, Philadelphia Orchestra, Columbia MS - 6110)

January 12 and 13: Carter Nice, conductor; Nicanor Zabaleta, harpist.

Bach *Orchestral Suite No. 3* (Harnoncourt, Concentus, Musicus, Telefunken 2635046; Menuhin, Bath Festival Orchestra, Seraphim 6085)

Ginastera *Harp Concerto* (No recording available)

Prokofiev *Symphony No. 5* (Karajan, Berlin Philharmonic, Deutsche Grammophon 139040)

February 2 and 3: Jose Serebrier, conductor; Lorin Hollander, pianist.

Faure: *Pelleas et Melisande* (Baudou, Orchestre de Paris, Seraphim S - 60273)

Saint-Saens *Piano Concerto No. 5* (Ciccolini, Baudou, Orchestre de Paris, Seraphim 6081)

Saint-Saens *Symphony No. 3* (Munch, Boston Symphony, RCA LSC - 2341)

February 23 and 24: Carter Nice, conductor; Elmar Oliveira, violinist.

Bartok *Miraculous Mandarin Suite* (Dorati, BBC Symphonic, Mercury 75030)

Bizet *Symphony No. 1* (Beecham, French National Radio Orchestra, Seraphim S - 60192)

Tchaikovsky *Violin Concerto* (Heifetz, Reiner, Chicago Symphony, RCA LSC - 3304 or LSC - 4012; Milstein, Abbado, Vienna Philharmonic Deutsche Grammophon 2530359)

March 15 and 16: Carter Nice, conductor; Ransom Wilson, flutist.

Mozart *Flute Concerto, K. 313* (Shaffer, Kurtz, Philharmonia, Seraphim S - 61023)

Ibert *Flute Concerto* (Rampal, Froment, Lamoureux Orchestra, RCA ARL1 - 2369)

Beethoven *Symphony No. 7* (Boult, London Proms, Vanguard S - 147; Cantelli, Philharmonia, Seraphim S - 60038)

April 12 and 13: Carter Nice, conductor; vocal soloists and chorus.

Stravinsky *Pulcinella* (Ansermet, Suisse-Romande Orchestra, London STS - 15218)

Orff *Carmina Burana* (Fruhbeck de Burgos, Philharmonia, Angel S - 36333; Ozawa, Boston Symphony, RCA LSC - 3161)

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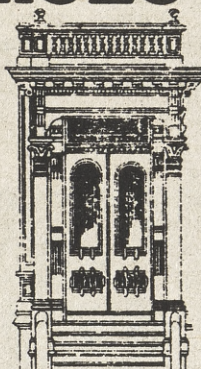
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Business Association Installs

by Norv Giles

The first annual Installation of Officers for the River City Business Association was held after dinner at the Cafe de New Orleans in Sacramento. Some 60 people came to enjoy cocktails and roulade of beef, and to meet one another. Council member Ann Rudin gave a few remarks before installing Norv Giles as President, Linda Birner as Vice President, Greg Gorges as Secretary, and Mark Whisler as Treasurer. Other board members

are Cindy Jansson, Charlene Fowler, and Mary Ellen Forszt.

It was a perfect opportunity for everyone to see and be seen since everyone had a moment to publicly introduce themselves and state their business. This is becoming an important tradition at each of our general meetings since it gives everyone a chance for a "commercial break" and business never hurts anyone in business.

The evening was a 'media-event' as a result of the RCBA's determination to respond positively and publicly to the article in the Sacramento Bee two days before.

During his informal remarks, the newly-installed President took the opportunity to introduce his father, Norv Giles, Sr., who made some very positive statements as a parent in support of Gays. Everyone who heard him will be saddened to know

that he died a few days later in his sleep.

There was also a chance to acknowledge the presence of several bar owners/managers who were invited to "lean" on the community for leadership in the liberation movement.

By 11, we had adjourned to the Mercantile Saloon to watch the news coverage and pat ourselves on the back.



Norv Giles, President; Linda O. Birner, Vice-President; Mark Whisler, Treasurer; Greg Gorges, Secretary.



Greg Gorges, Councilwoman, Anne Rudin at Podium, and Norv Giles.



Dean Hallemansen, and Joan Reiss, Candidate for the 6th Assembly District.

Giles Blasts Local Officers

Editor's Note: The following address was given by Norv Giles at the first annual installation dinner of the River City Business Association on July 30, 1979. It has been slightly edited for the purpose of printing so that the intent of the remarks is preserved.

Our reason for existing as a formal organization is to promote gay business within the gay community. Gay economics is not political but, at this stage, politics and economics must necessarily go hand in hand. For this reason, we, the leadership of the River City Business Association feel that the recent remarks in the Sacramento Bee can not go unheeded. I am referring specifically to the article in Saturday's Bee pertaining to Sacramento's reaction to San Diego's policy-change of hiring gay police officers. Law enforcement officials in Sacramento have reacted with characteristic immaturity and provincialism.

The gay community can no longer fail to respond to the attitudes, the labels and the biases displayed by some of the law enforcement officials in this area. The right to pursue one's chosen occupation is inherent in our rights as citizens. We are not asking for quotas, affirmative action, or special considerations, but just the right to be employed in any position because we are citizens of this city, this county, this state, and this country, and we demand the same rights of any other citizen.

It has been suggested that the question of gay employment rights be taken to the people. Senator Briggs did just that with Proposition 6 and it went down to resounding defeat. How much more mandate is needed to prove that homosexuals are not threatening anyone? Rather, it is heterosexuals who are threatened because they are unsure of their own sexuality and because they choose to remain ignorant on the subject.

Lt. Kelley of the Sacramento Sheriff's Department states: "Our position is that a gay, a queer, a homosexual, are misfits in our society." I do not see a single misfit in this room. The only position that the Sheriff's Department finds itself in is that of the ostrich with its head in the sand. We are determined to raise the level of consciousness and awareness in the Sheriff's Department. The use of the word 'queer' and other demeaning terms perpetuates the myth that we are misfits.

I am sure Lt. Kelley would not refer to a black citizen as a "nigger" or a member of Sacramento's Asian community as a "Chink" or a "Jap" or a Mexican-American as a "Spic" or a "Greaser" and that will be the last time that any public official will refer to a lesbian or gay man as a "queer" or "misfit". Law enforcement has a duty not to perpetuate this derogatory stereotype, and WE have a duty to help them. We will no longer tolerate contemptuous attitudes that encourage muggings by fag-bashers and potshots from highways into crowded bars.

Poor morale and hostility on a police force do not stem from hiring gay officers, but are the result of biases and attitudes generated by the lack of understanding by some of those in positions of leadership in law enforcement agencies. This is unhealthy and unprofessional. An attitude of this magnitude reflects

the lack of compassion for a whole segment of the citizenry.

The Sacramento Sheriff's Department has appropriated responsibility for public morals when, in fact, sex between consenting adults has been legal for over three years. Solicitation is not! Arrests for solicitation are done by plain clothesmen who are perverted enough to enjoy the proffered sexual encounter and then perform an entrapment. Promiscuous homosexuals are no different from promiscuous heterosexuals when it comes to public morals and breaking the law, yet no one gives a heterosexual solicitation/proposition a second thought.

In either case, there is no crime and no victim. If we follow Police Chief Kearns' rationale for not hiring a gay person, then a black officer cannot patrol in Oak Park, women should not be arresting female prostitutes, and male officers should not investigate an arrest for rape. Gay police officers and sheriff's deputies are just as well-qualified to arrest anyone breaking the law regardless of the sexual persuasion of the person being stopped.

The Police Officers Association wonders "if you could classify a homosexual as stable." Without doubt, homosexuals are more stable, no matter what the endeavor, because we have more at stake. Because of the attention focused on gays, the fear of losing a job and the notoriety it causes in this day and age, makes gays more dedicated and reliable. We are also more creative and resourceful in the name of self-preservation and we are consummate survivors. No one knows pressure better than a closet homosexual!

Public officials who interpret the laws should be held accountable for what they say. The RCBA intends to publicly address this situation in an ongoing dialogue so that what is said and done aligns with what the law allows. We intend to see the time shortened for social attitudes to change. There are too many of us who are no longer willing to be the victims of society, of ignorance, of intolerance and of bigotry. We are law-abiding, responsible citizens who contribute to the system with money and energy.

It is our intention to work within the system to change those institutions which are not responsive to our needs. To this end, the RCBA specifically intends to establish a dialogue with the Sacramento Sheriff's Department and the Community Relations Office of the Sacramento Police Department. The gay community must work to defeat any candidate for office who views gay people with contempt and disdain as second class citizens and we must support those candidates who support gay people as viable members of the community. This is our struggle from oppression and for freedom to work, to live and love whom we wish, and to raise our children as we please.

Secondly, we ask that California Human Rights Advocates redouble its efforts in behalf of AB1 which would ban discrimination in job-hiring practices based on sexual orientation.

The taboo is not being homosexual, it is talking about it. But talking about it and making the system aware of our needs is what will erase ignorance, fear and misunderstanding. I hope you are up to the challenge!

Coping

by Edgar Poma

- Q. I am retired and am having trouble coping with the soaring cost of filling my prescriptions. I've heard from friends that obtaining drugs, in a strictly legal sense of course, is cheaper with mail order. Where do I apply for this service in Sacramento? — Carrie
- A. Those over 55 should look into a dependable and relatively inexpensive mail order drug system sponsored by the American Association of Retired Persons, 1909 K St. N.W., Washington D.C. 20049. Write for information. In the meantime, to reduce the cost of filling your prescriptions, take the time to comparison shop — state law makes posting prices mandatory. Also, ask your doctor for generic prescriptions — that is, the name of the drug, not a particular brand.
- Q. How do my lover and I go about keeping and updating our health records? — Gary
- A. A free publication on maintaining health records is available from the Consumer Information Center of the U.S. Government, Pueblo, Colorado 81009. Write and ask for Booklet 5816.
- Q. I'm 19 and want to know where I can go in Sacramento for venereal disease treatment. I won't go anywhere, though, if my parents have to be notified. — Joe
- A. Your parents don't have to know. You can call the county-run V.D. testing referral line at 366-2617, open 24 hours — the addresses of the clinics you will be referred to on the recording can be found on page 5 of the Sacramento phone directory. Answers to questions concerning venereal disease can be received by calling Operation Venue toll-free at 1-800-523-1885.
- Q. Since I've come to Sacramento, I hear a lot about people "going to Kaiser." What or who is Kaiser? — Michelle
- A. Kaiser (Hospital) is a health maintenance organization emphasizing preventive treatment. A health maintenance organization (HMO) runs on a prepayment plan arrangement where subscribers pay an annual set fee to a group of physicians; families receive complete medical attention in return.
- Q. What do I do about a clinic that keeps me waiting forever because its receptionist suspects through my appearance that I'm gay and therefore a second class citizen? — Terry

- A. Rather than being anti-gay, many clinics are simply understaffed (for lack of funds, a lot of red tape, what have you) to accommodate the many people who come to them for help. Your "second class" treatment may be due to lack of time and manpower, not strictly anti-gay sentiment. However, do report to the management office of any service organization any incidents of harassment or discrimination, and all grievances pertaining to policy or the attitude/performance of a particular staff member.
- Q. I have a physician who I think is gay but who has never come out to me or any of her patients, and she seems so repressed and unhappy. Should I not use her as my doctor? — Cecilia
- A. This is your own decision or preference, though you must weigh the effect of any doctor's personal adjustment on patient welfare.
- Q. How does one pick the right hospital? — Jerry
- A. Ask around, but mainly ask your doctor for recommendations. Make sure the hospital you enter is accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospitals which ensures that the standards for good professional care are met by the facility. (It is always a good idea to work with gay people when scouting for a local hospital; invariably, for example, a gay physician can give you an idea of what to expect in a particular hospital. You'll find that hospitals and medical centers frequented by gay doctors generally result in a caring and compassionate attitude toward gay patients among staff members.)
- Q. What is the best resource guide to health care services available to gays and straights in our area? — Cathy
- A. The best resource guide to health care services is the "prelude" white pages of the Sacramento phone directory listing complete city, county, state and federal offices and agencies. I note that you're writing from a Sac State dorm — certainly one of the best places to seek information on health care is the Student Union or Health Center.

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DO YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT GARDENING? WRITE TO MARCIA ERICKSON, "GROW IT", BOX 8170, SACRAMENTO, CA. 95818.

Container Gardening

by Marcia Erickson

Since the price of food has tripled in the last couple of years, more and more people are turning areas of their yards into vegetable gardens with great success and savings to their budgets.

Some of us, however, are not blessed with large yards and many live in condominiums or apartments with even smaller spaces in which to grow edibles. The following information may be of help to the lovers of tree-ripened fruit, fresh & sweet tomatoes, cantelopes, etc.

If you have a small garden patio or a small corner in your yard in which to plant a tree, then try a dwarf. What is a dwarf? A dwarf fruit tree is a small tree that bears regular sized fruit. These come in various sizes from as small as rose bushes to some about two-thirds the size of a standard-sized fruit tree. This article will deal mainly with the little dwarf, growing in sizes ranging from three feet to six feet in height.

Dwarf trees are excellent fruit bearers, and instead of keeping you waiting three to five years for a crop from a standard sized tree, a dwarf tree usually starts bearing the year you plant it. Their longevity is the same as that of a standard fruit tree.

A dwarf tree is easy to care for. To prune, spray and harvest a standard size tree you need a ladder & other equipment to extend your reach, but with a dwarf you don't even need a step stool most of the time.

Dwarf fruit trees require the same climate conditions as their larger counterparts. For example, if you live in an area where the temperature never drops below freezing, then such trees as apples and peaches will not do well, but a cherry tree might flourish. So before you purchase a particular tree consult a nurseryperson or otherwise research the variety of fruit tree which would give you the best performance for your particular area and environment.

In the care and planting of your tree, remember that dwarf tree roots do not grow as deep as a standard tree. A well mulched and pliable soil is therefore important. When planting the dwarf trees, figure on a 10 by 10 foot space for each tree. They can be closer, but my recommendation is not to, if it can be avoided. Crowding is a contributing factor in some diseases. Dig the planting hole twice the size of the root ball and incorporate into the hole good top-soil and organic mulch such as fir bark or peat moss. All dwarf trees are usually grafted onto certain root stocks, so never bury the graft. Keep it above the soil line.

The best time to plant and transplant trees is in the winter (when the trees are dormant — especially with bare root trees). Container trees can be planted at anytime if care is used when removing the root ball from the can. Water immediately.

A good soil to use, especially in container planting, is two parts good topsoil to one part mulch. Never plant the trees in pure peat moss or redwood mulch since most fruit trees require and enjoy a more neutral soil — a pH factor from 6 to 7. Even though a good soil is used, container plants tend to dry out much faster than the "in ground" variety so a regular and frequent watering schedule is a must. A regular feeding program is required for all fruit trees especially the container grown varieties. Increased watering of the container trees tends to wash away (leach) most of the valuable nutrients the trees need in order to survive. So a moderate and frequent feeding schedule is extremely important.

There are many containers on the market that are excellent to use in which to plant your vegetables and trees. I have found the half oak wine barrels sold at most stores the best to use. They are attractive and large enough for home use. I would suggest that whatever container you use, place them on heavy duty rollers or castors as they can be extremely heavy when full.

To have success with any food-producing plants one must have (1) plenty of sun (2) warmth (3) ample water (4) fertilizer (5) proper climate (6) occasional spraying for disease & pests and (7) T.L.C. With that combination, you can't lose. One thing that should be added is that fruit trees require pruning. Pruning stimulates new growth and removes dead, decayed and unwanted branches. You should seek advice on how to properly prune your tree; this is most important. An improperly pruned tree may result in smaller fruit yields.

The following are some of the dwarf fruit trees that have been known to grow well in containers.
Pears: Duchess (may not be sold in Valley area) and Bartlett
Peaches: Bonanza
Nectarine: Nectarina
Plum: Damson
Apricot: Any dwarf tree is a good choice
Cherry: Some nurseries sell a self-pollinating garden Bing
Citrus: Kumquat; Limequat; Mandarin orange "Dancy"; and some oranges may do well for a time.
When buying any type of trees or vegetables, it's always advisable to consult a local nurseryperson on how to best care for that particular plant.

Take A Shot At Mom's Photo Contest

In conjunction with the launching of MOM... GUESS WHAT...!'s creative arts supplement, announced elsewhere in this issue, we proudly announce our first Photo Contest. All readers and friends of MOM... GUESS WHAT...! are invited to enter, following the rules set forth below. The winning photographs will be published in the creative arts supplement when it appears the first of the year.

The Rules:

1. Each entrant may enter only photographs he or she has taken.
2. Each entrant may enter no more than five photographs.
3. All entries must be black-and-white glossy prints, 5" x 7", unmounted, with the entrant's name, address, and phone number, and the photo's title and category written on the back.
4. Photographs may be entered in the following categories: a) Political b) People c) Nature d) Humorous e) Sensuous f) Animals g) Special Effects.
5. All entries become the property of MOM... GUESS WHAT...! and may be published, displayed, sold, or otherwise used by MOM... GUESS WHAT...!
6. Entries must be submitted to MOM... GUESS WHAT...! by November 15, 1979.

Annie Overby

(Continued from page 10)

I sat at the kitchen table in utter self-disgust as Mother carefully fine-tooth-combed kerosene through my hair. Greer Garson would have had the good taste to jump off the belfry at the Old North Church. I cried. I cried for my dignity which was getting smaller and further away at the speed of light.

The man with no arms came in the night and held my hand. The gleam of his teeth lit up my shabby room and with it my shabby self. And that's how I lost the Battle of Boston though not the entire war.

It's a long time later and here I am now in The Golden State. I still pack a copy of Emily Post in my left breast pocket to protect me from bullets of shame but at the same time am liberally sprinkled with the grace of chicken fried rice.

My nemesis still visits me from time to time, and hopefully, always will. Sometimes I screw up on purpose just so I'll get to see him.

I have saved the best for last and for you. Lately, I look into the mirror and see upon my own face the beginnings of the Chinese Smile. And it is good.

P.S. With much love, this story is for you, Ashley.



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Rallies, Celebrities Announced For Gay Train Trip

Rev. Troy D. Perry, founder of the gay-oriented Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches, and nationally known feminist-comedienne Robin Tyler will headline a whistle-stop tour aboard Amtrak's Gay Freedom Train to the March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights.

Joining them for train station rallies in San Francisco, Oakland, Reno, Ogden (UT), Cheyenne, Denver, Lincoln, Omaha, Chicago, Pittsburgh, Harrisburg, Philadelphia, and Wilmington will be veteran gay activist Morris Kight, San Francisco MCC pastor Jim Dykes, and hundreds of Freedom Train passengers. Local MCC churches along the way will help sponsor the individual rallies.

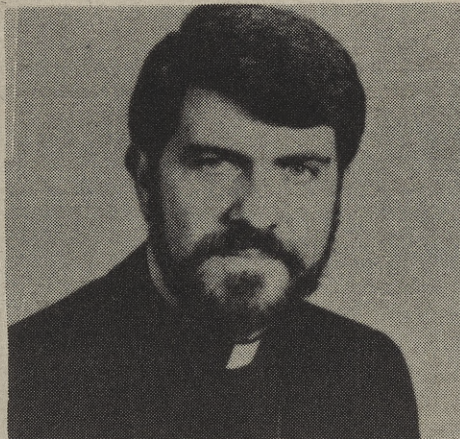
The Gay Freedom Trains to Washington will serve most major U.S. cities. However, due to the strict block-booking reservation deadline Amtrak



requires of travel agencies, tickets will be available only during the next few weeks. Sales rates indicate a complete sell-out soon.

The toll-free National Transportation Information Center is set up to give out information on March Weekend events and schedules, plus give up-to-the-minute data on March travel from each U.S. city. The number is 1-800-528-7382.

Two events have been added to the March Weekend. They include a meeting of the National Democratic Party Gay Caucus October 13, and a "Night Before" Disco, Rock, Jazz, and Bluegrass Festival. Other events include: October 14 March & Rally with noted speakers. National Third World Lesbian/Gay Conference October 12-15, Congressional Lobbying Visits on October 15, International Gay Sports Expo and a National Gay



Human Rights Commission Openings

The Human Rights Commission will be looking for Commissioners in October. If you are interested and live in the City call the City Clerk for applications, and if you live in the County call the County Clerk.

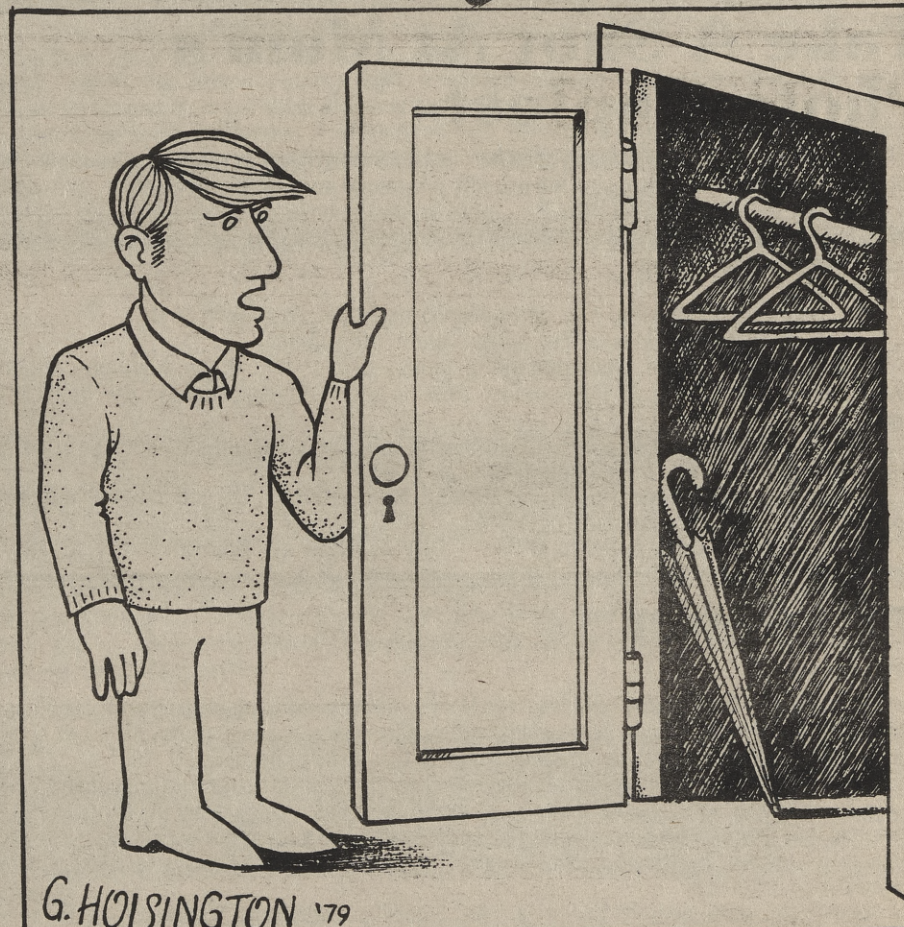


'Snow White' Champagne Ball

Women mark your calendar for the Christmas 4th Annual "Snow White Champagne Ball" on December 15, 1979.

If your address has changed, or if you have friends that would like to be invited, or if you are not on the list, please mail us your addresses today. Mail to: Linda D. Birner, Box 8170, Sacramento, CA. 95818.

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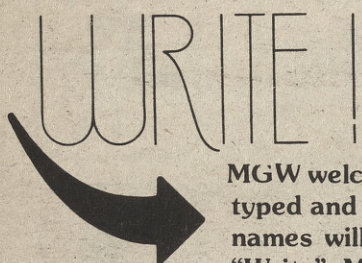
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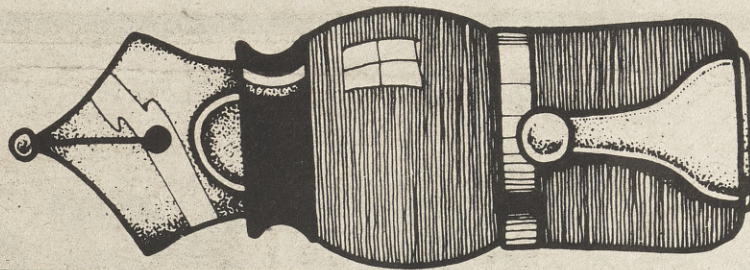
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Dear Editor:

I wish to congratulate you on your August issue — the paper really gets better each month — I'm telling you it takes a classy paper to put out a fashion prediction story like the one on page 7 and the fashion hints story for men running with it was very current and exciting. I'm delighted that your newspaper is branching out with this sophisticated information — it's a relief to read these light and breezy articles after being bombarded with strong news coverage from pages 1 to 6. Gays care about how they look and Shamone and Pomec seem to know what they are talking about.

Before I sign off I want to add that MGW is sheer perfection in the lay-out department — pages are balanced, ads don't compete, free or white space is eminent, everything from type to titles are crystal clear. You are all doing a fantastic job. I am going to NYC next week and am showing the August issues to gay groups. Your are doing a great service not only to the Sacramento community but to the world as well, no joke.

Love and Peace,
Tom Pescow

Dear Editor:

I just want to say that I think your newspaper is great. I receive copies regularly from a friend in Sacramento or pick up an issue when I'm in town.

I live outside Detroit in a suburb where gay life is pretty good, but I did live in Sacramento for a while and I do miss it quite a bit. I can remember when we were real hard-up for something like MOM and I'm glad some really concerned people like yourself started this paper.

Congratulations for putting out such a first-rate newspaper every month. The content is always well-constructed, thorough, and intelligent. I think you're especially lucky to have writers who really know how to write — some of my favorites include Rick Cartiere, Annie Overby, James Graham, and Bill Spiller. I also like anything by Linda Birner and Kevin Casey. Lastly, every time I get a copy of MOM, I check all the pages to see anything written by Edgar Poma because anything he does always impresses me. Many of your writers have the caliber to be writing for gay publications like Christopher Street.

I know I am just one of the many members of the gay community who wish you and your writers much goodwill and gratitude.

Al Parker

Dear Editor:

Saw you on TV on August 12. Looked good. I'd like to get half a dozen of the 2 for 1 passes to the Alpine Slide. Thanks.

Please enter our names onto your subscription list.

Readers

Dear Editor:

We have your letter regarding our recent release on Portugal and regret that we have a policy not to supply subscribers with the name or address.

On your second point we would like to include more lesbian news and have solicited it from all our sources but cannot supply something that does not exist. I believe you will agree that lesbians are not as well-organized as gay males and some of the separatists are not too cooperative (perhaps with good reason). We did cover the Peg's Place trial and the Bikeathon by Lesbian Mothers and will make a special effort to acquire all lesbian material available.

Sincerely,
Thomas Rolfsen
Director,
The International Gay News Agency
315 Sutter St.
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Dear Editor:

We are dissatisfied with your newspaper. If you want more variety, have more pages per issue; don't crowd together outside news, those cutsy banners, dumb profile pieces on unknowns, boring reptins, and unimaginative and uninspired advertising.

Your bad judgement was shown in the last issue by putting Jason Lindo's interviews together and those stupid fashion columns. We also want to know if you are getting kickbacks from 2-for-1 passes at Boreal Alpine Slide.

What you need is some competition to outshine you and we are thinking about starting our own paper. We'll start with mimeo first but then advance to press. I think we will do a much better job than what you all are doing now.

Carl, Rick, Danny,
Paula, Freddie, Mitch

Editors Note:

There is no "kickback". The passes were given to us to give to our readers.

Dear Editor:

Thank you and Pamela Garrett for the enthusiastic and supportive review of my pictures. I hope my work will continue to be worthy of such praise.

Sincerely,
Kevin Adams

Dear MGW:

Keep up the great work. You are unbelievable... and keep improving. MCC is in favor of keeping the name... MGW... it has made a name for itself.

Sincerely,
Rev. Freda Smith, Pastor

Dear Editor:

Regarding the fashion articles in the August Mom, are you serious?

Two articles in your August issue were outstanding: "A Damned Good Father" and "Escapism and How it Works". But I really didn't care for much of the reviews (especially theater). Dr. Marty Rogers, and the repetitive FFOG Lights. I'd like to see the coping column you debuted in July as well as more stories by Doug Biggert. I'd also like to see Handicap-able revamped. I feel for Tony and love him dearly but he needs to write with more sparkle.

Cathy

Dear Editor:

We are bisexual state personnel on a working vacation in Sacramento from Fresno and we were really excited to see your newspaper for the first time.

Having children or relatives and friends under 21, we were particularly interested to read the fabulous features about gay people under 21. Whoever was responsible for "Alvin" did a super job because any writer who can make us care so much about a total stranger deserves heaps of praise. The same goes for your book reviews especially about lesbian issues and the "close-up" interviews such as the one on Alan Robertson, who is doing so much for the gay and women's movement.

More! More! More!

Julie Olesker
Toni Brokey
Spence Heise
Nina Chang-Condorero

Dear Editor:

May a straight speak please? Thank you, I'm firmly convinced that the gay society is continuing irreparable harm to your persons, your beliefs and goals by referring to yourselves as "gay".

You were labeled several thousands of years ago by some form of media. The task to create another I.D. will be hellacious but I sense it must be done.

I submit that those that fit the "billion" in the dictionary retain said status. And — those of you of strong common sense and competence consider an acronym or a better word than "gay". I believe the change could help in the eventual acceptance by all mankind and/or personkind.

The world will always have considerable numbers of sects many of which will say "You're OK. I'm OK". I hope you folks make it.

Besides, I don't think you're any better or any worse than many of the so-called straights. They and their kids aren't doing so hot.

Furthermore, at conception the placement of one gene on the wrong chromosome could be the only difference in the "choice" of niche carved in our world.

A Straight Supporter

WORD HUNT

by Grant Engle

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Hut
Hide and Seek
Topper Club
Parking Lot
Joseph's
Tin Can
Club Baths
Steam Works
Bojangles
Underpass
Crescent Moon

(Solution on page 21)

Dear Editor:

An individual statement has come to my attention in which a person stated they felt that "fag-bashers" should not call "gays" "queer." I take offense.

We are a common humanity separating ourselves from each other. I am a "gay" male who believes it inappropriate to use the term "queer." I am a "gay" male who believes it inappropriate to use the term "fag-basher." I am a "gay" male who believes it inappropriate to use the term "gay," or the term "straight." I am, therefore, inappropriately referring to myself if I use any of these adjectives; I will no longer do this.

These words categorize me; they are understood, as experience has taught, and interpreted, whether consciously or unconsciously, to isolate me from or into specific categories, thereby making me distinctly different from others. I am not distinctly different from others; I, too, am a human being; that is unquestionable fact. I am distinct only in that I am an individual human being; emphasis on individual if you please.

As an individual I prefer a specific color, specific foods, specific styles of dress, specific music, specific accommodations and a specific sexual preference, none of which make me any more or less an individual human being. These preferences are realizations within myself of what pleases me as an individual, and I do not imply that my realizations of my preferences are better or worse than another individual's realizations of what they prefer for themselves.

Whether our sexual preferences are the same or not, our color preferences are the same or not, etc., let us all be alert, in our considered and casual speech and thoughts, to remember our commonality; if it is to be, and I believe it should be, let it begin with each of us individually, now.

If we must ask what our specific preferences are of each other, let us do so in the spirit of knowing we can use this knowledge to please, not persecute.

I am not ashamed of my preferences. They do no harm to anyone; if there is a possibility of harm to someone, and there may well be and I am fully capable of realizing when harm may occur and to whom, then I feel that respect and kindness, especially kindness, demands that I eliminate any mutuality on our different preferences and dwell on our commonality.

I ask that we make a concerted effort to consider before we ask of someone's preferences; consider before we comment on anyone's preferences.

Let us eliminate "queer," "faggot," "gay," "straight," "fag-basher."

Let us promote "kind," "respectful," "considerate," "humane."

With concern I sign

James D. Youngs

BEE Responds to MGW Criticism

When the Sacramento Bee printed its report of Norv Giles' installation speech to the River City Business Association under the headline "Homosexual Criticizes Police, Sheriff," MGW Editor James K. Graham wrote to the Editor of the Bee. Graham objected to the use of the word "homosexual" to identify Giles, because he was in fact speaking as a businessman to a group of business people, who happen to be gay. Graham pointed out that the headline, in a sense, distorted the meaning of the news story that followed.

Frank McCulloch, Managing Editor of the Bee, responded with the following letter:

Dear Mr. Graham:

I agree completely with your premise that identification of a news subject solely by his or her sexual preference is, under most circumstances, unjustified.

However, in the case of Mr. Giles' testimony, the issue at hand clearly was that of homosexuals serving with either the police or sheriff's department, and Mr. Giles, as a homosexual, addressed himself to that issue. The identification therefore became pertinent.

To employ your own example, had police officers argued publicly that heterosexuals had no place in the department and had a heterosexual subsequently appeared to answer that publicly, then the subject's identification as a heterosexual would have been appropriate.

But to repeat what I said earlier, your main point is well taken, and I will call it to the attention of our various news desks. Thank you for writing.

Sincerely,
Frank McCulloch

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PLAYS ...

The Ashland Shakespeare Experience

by Carole Nutt

At the expense of sounding trite, the Shakespearean festival in Ashland, Oregon could be called "The Ashland Experience." Truly it was a little overwhelming seeing seven plays in four days, but also absolutely exhilarating, and I left wanting more.

Ashland is a quiet town in a valley just over the California border, where each year from the end of February to the end of October some of the finest theatre on the west coast is produced. The people of Ashland, a college town, have grown up with the festival (it began in 1935), and are charming and helpful.

Why is Ashland an experience? Because it offers more than play-going. There are informal lectures by production members, talks with cast members, tours backstage, renaissance music and dance in the courtyard, concerts, exhibits, movies and more. There never seemed to be enough hours in each day!

Ah, you say, when does one have time to eat? Somehow you find the time to eat at one of the many delightful places Ashland offers, the fare ranging from traditional to exotic to natural foods, with more than one choice of each.

Now to the productions — "quality" is the first word that comes to mind. The overall quality of each production and the attention to detail is remarkable for a repertory company.

The festival has three theatres: The Black Swan, a small theatre similar in design to Sac State's Playwright's theatre; the Angus Bowmer Theatre, a very large traditional theatre; and the outdoor Elizabethan stage.

We saw seven plays: "Indulgences in the Louisville Harem" by John Orlock; the only play seen at the intimate Black Swan; a play so new it's not published; a play that was a bit confusing; a play of dreams intermingled with reality so you're never quite sure which is which.

"The Play's the Thing" by Ferenc Molnar, played in the Bowmer: a delightfully funny play with a stunning opening, continuing light and airy and ending in love and happiness.

"Macbeth" by William Shakespeare, in the Bowmer: spectacular, moving; I was soaking with sweat and had goose bumps at the end.

"The Wild Duck" by Henrich Ibsen, at the Bowmer: Ibsen's heavy characters are heavies in the production, a chance to really find a villain whether by Ibsen's design or the director's.

"The Tragic History of Dr. Faustus" by Christopher Marlowe, done on the Elizabethan stage: theatrical in the Elizabethan way, with an ending which makes you want to yell "Faustus, repent, don't go!"

"As You Like It" by Shakespeare: warm, delightful and everyone in love. You really believe all will end well, for after all, what can go wrong in such a pastoral setting?

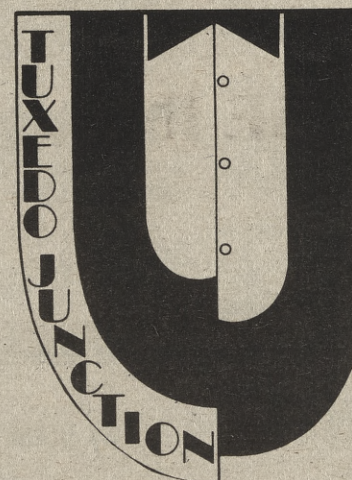
"A Midsummer's Night Dream" by Shakespeare: different in a way I found charming. Perhaps the discussion session I attended, where the director talked about how he conceived the play, characters, set and costumes, gave me a different insight and I thoroughly enjoyed the performance. Comments from others were not so favorable, but they were not generally unfavorable.

Yes, just a brief overview of the plays; in-depth reviews would be too lengthy. The best comment I can make is that the outdoor festival continues until September 30, while performances continue indoors until October 27. Tickets may be obtained in Sacramento through Macy's, or write Shakespeare Box Office, Ashland, Oregon 97520, or phone area code 503-482-4331.

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SPORTS

The Gay World Series: Discrimination or Cooperation

by Paul Coke

In the third annual Gay World Series, to be held in Milwaukee this year, the DeLux team from the Gay Softball League will represent San Francisco. They have a good team, and it is certain that Dutch Garcia will stock his team with the best that the GSL has to offer.

The Rusty Nail, defending champions from Los Angeles (a team the Sacramento Stars clobbered earlier this season), will field a good, competitive team.

The Series should narrow down to a battle between the California teams, with the DeLux being the ones to beat.

Next year, the Sacramento Stars should be in the Series.

Because the Gay World Series has ruled that no more than 20% of the players on a team may be straight, the Village of San Francisco's Community Softball League (a gay/straight league) will be denied the chance to demonstrate the talent they

showed in their game with the Stars earlier this season. They will not get the chance to show how gay and straight men can work together on a team for one common interest — to represent the gay community.

The real issue here is one of human rights in the real world. I agree that it is important that gays be treated as equal to straights, and should not have to fight for rights that are rightfully theirs. So why should we have quotas that discriminate against straight men who play on gay teams? A serious look should be taken at this doctrine.

Get to know Mike Jimenez and Mike Miller of the Sacramento Stars, and you'll appreciate these guys who find no fault in whatever sexual preference one desires. And they are "branded" as gay by some of their less understanding peers.

The Series is not the Series without the best team there. Just the same, good luck to our gay teams who will retain the championship in California.

Sacramento Stars Overlooked

by Paul Coke

The Community Softball League, in true San Francisco fashion, has once again managed to overlook several of the Stars' players in selecting the 1979 All Star Team. Our third baseman, Mike Jimenez, was the sole Star to appear on the list — and he was not selected. Our candidate for the League's outstanding player, Stu Brown, was not even considered.

Of course, this season produced many good players, but season after season, Rich Findley, Norm, Chuck Nash, Gary Belcher, and Dave Jimenez have been worthy of All-Star mention.

YWCA Plans Classes

Fall activities will begin at the YWCA September 17th. An annual membership of \$7.50 allows men and women to enroll in a wide variety of classes including Tai Chi, Jazz Dance, Disco, Self defense, Film making and Fitness. Children's membership are \$2.00 and entitle them to enroll in gymnastics, "Creative Me", Kinderdance and Karate classes. Class fees vary from \$10 - \$20. Please call the YWCA at 442-4741 for a free class schedule.

Stars' Season Ends in Victory

by Paul Coke

In their final game of the Community Softball League season, the Sacramento Stars defeated Buzzby's in a four-hour, 12-inning marathon. The game elicited several exciting defensive plays from Stu Brown, Norm, and Mike and Dave Jimenez. Frank Chico and Chuck Nash turned in outstanding pitching.

Frank pitched six excellent innings. He has come a long way from a part-time pitcher to earn his spot as a starter along with Chuck and Newt (who was out of this game because of illness).

The Stars also produced some exciting hitting, led by Gary Belcher's three hits, Rich Findley's four hits, and Dave's three. Jim Hamilton's timely two hits kept the Stars in the game. Both Mike Jimenez and Paul Coke hit homeruns, with Mike's coming in the final inning.

Only Norm's broken arm, suffered when Peter "The Hulk" Jermenko smashed into him, diminished the joy of the Star's victory.

Now What, Sportsfans?

Now that the softball season is ending, what is next?

When we consider that Sacramento's main sporting events are softball, rollerskating and mountain and river sports, it seems that our sports coverage should be far more extensive than it has been.

As a player, my interests are mainly in softball, but as a reporter, I would like to see all the sports in the community publicized. The fall season offers football, skiing, racquetball, tennis, volleyball, and rafting. If you'd like to see more coverage of these events, let us know about them and we'll be there.

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ADVERTISE IN MGW

Reno Rodeo Highlighted

by Greg Loe

Bigger and better than last year, the fourth annual Gay Rodeo was held in Reno last month. The highlight had to be the wild cow milking contest. A team of three people, a woman, man, and a drag, tried to hold a wild cow and get at least one drop of milk into a cup. The wild cows of course wanted no part of it.

The other events were the typical riding and roping rodeo events. The planning and organization by the Rodeo Association was much improved this year. Unfortunately not many of the contestants had rodeo skills. This didn't seem to matter to the crowd. Most everyone seemed to be there more to see and be seen by the rest of the crowd. Every cowgirl and cowboy fantasy lurking in some California subconscious came out in full glory.

Lots of good-time fun was had by all. The rodeo was held outdoors this year, in the Reno Fairgrounds Rodeo Arena.

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NEWSBRIEFS....

by Richard Cartiere

Washington: FBI Director William Webster revealed that homosexual activity in applicants would "reduce their chances" of being hired. In a series of confusing statements Webster told reporters at a news conference that "homosexual conduct, not preference, is a factor to be considered." "The advocacy of homosexual, in other words "deviant behavior", is going to be a factor and reduces their chances of being hired". Oddly Webster insisted that the FBI was not "going to be a big brother, but we do expect them to live exemplary lives."

Washington: Representative Larry McDonald (D.Ga.), an extremely far right conservative congressman, has introduced a number of "ridiculous and absurd bills" this year according to Washington lobbyist Gary Steinberg. One harshly worded resolution would put the Congress on record as being in favor of discrimination against gays. Rev. Robert Grant, whose anti-gay lobby group Christian Voice is backing the bill, said "this is the beginning of a national campaign to oppose the National Gay Rights Bill." The gay rights bill has found about 46 sponsors in the house so far this year.

Washington: Senator Allan Cranston of California introduced a resolution into the Senate which would allow a young woman who has been separated from her sixty year old mother for some years to enter the country and see her. The young woman is Philippine and is gay. The Immigration Department has refused her admittance to the country labelling her as a sexual deviant.

Washington: Fundamentalists are organizing a nationally coordinated march on Washington in April of 1980. The effort is being made to counter the march planned by gay activists in October of this year. Two new anti-gay lobbies, The Moral Majority and One Nation Under God, are uniting forces with the already established and powerful Christian Voice. According to Steve Endean of the Gay Rights National Lobby, they are much further along in their organizing than we were at a similar point.

Europe: In a series of nationwide meetings European homosexuals have organized as never before to fight discrimination on an international basis. In Frankfurt, West Germany, a conference was attended by over 1,000 gays from around the world. In Bergen, Holland, an organization called the International Gay Agency held its first annual congress with representatives from over 17 countries attending. In Paris, France a conference was held in which 100 hours of debate were held in anniversary celebration of the 100 year French homosexual movement.

San Francisco: Police officers Daniel Mar and co-defendant Kevin Geurin were found guilty of assault in the "Peg's Place" incident. The incident grew out of an attempt of a group of off-duty San Francisco Police Officers to force themselves in the lesbian bar called Peg's Place. While the case was of extreme importance to the gay community almost no press coverage was given it by the S.F. Chronicle or Examiner.

San Francisco: The Immigration and Naturalization Service has temporarily halted agents from turning back two Mexican homosexuals. They were originally detained by officials at the S.F. International Airport because their luggage contained cosmetics. The U.S. Surgeon General has removed the method by which immigration officials could detain and classify homosexuals as "sexual deviants". This decision made the victory a temporary one. However, the crux of the matter is whether homosexuals are to be included in the immigration law as "sexual deviants". That matter at present remains unresolved.

Denver: In a similar incident, a man was refused entrance into the country after Immigration authorities discovered the Swedish gay magazine Pan in his luggage. The man, coming from Frankfurt, Germany was told he could either board the next available plane or be put in jail. He flew back to Germany on the next available flight.

New York: Gay activists have been staging protests against the filming of "Cruising", a movie about sadistic homosexual murders. David Rothberg, a member of the cities' Human Rights Commission said the movie "was odious and pornographic trash". The film stars Al Pacino in the role of a detective who is assigned to investigate a series of sadistic killings in which gays are stabbed and sexually mutilated. Tom Knudsen, a gay actor in the film who resigned after refusing to do a "demoralizing" bit part said, "I got mugged by a gang that preys on homosexuals last month. I'm afraid that when this movie comes out I'm going, and a lot of other people too, to be mugged again."

San Jose: As supervisors were preparing to vote on a much debated ordinance prohibiting discrimination against homosexuals an earthquake rumbled the walls of the supervisors hall. A group of fundamentalist Christians were present at the time and claimed that the earthquake was God's "hand" showing his disapproval of the ordinance. Ignoring the opponents claims — and the earthquake — the supervisors approved the ordinance 4 to 1.

San Diego: In a major policy switch the San Diego Police Department has switched its open opposition to hiring qualified homosexuals as officers to a non-discriminatory attitude. Police Chief Kolender said "We're not going out and searching for them but if a homosexual meets all other criteria for wearing a badge he will be hired."

Princeton N.J.: A recent Gallup Poll surveyed the nations youth on how they felt about gay people. In general the youths said they would rather see gays "behind sales counters than on the pulpit". However, 55% didn't mind allowing gays into the military. Almost half the students said they would not mind having a gay teach college but the percentage dropped to only 37% in favor of allowing gays to teach elementary school.

Boston: Massachusetts Governor Edward King was convicted of rape by a mock court called the Women's Street Court. Convening on the Boston Common the charge of rape was delivered in lieu of Governor Kings general policies against women and in particular at legislation that cut aid to Families with Dependent Children.

Los Angeles: L.A. supervisor, Peggy Stevensen, nominated Richard Kaplan an openly gay lawyer from Hollywood, to fill a vacancy on the five-member City Police Commission. Kaplan was one of the founders of MECLA which provides economic support for candidates supportive of non-discriminatory legislation. Mayor Tom Bradley is responsible for filling the position. Since Ms. Stevensen chairs the City Councils' Police, Fire, and Civil Defense Committee her recommendation carries considerable weight.

Los Angeles: J. Ray Gallagher announced his candidacy for the office of supervisor. An openly gay candidate, he is running against the appointed incumbent, Yvonne Burke.

Boston: A vote was retaken for the passage of a bill to ban discrimination against homosexuals in public service positions in the Massachusetts House of Representatives. The bill failed 77-73. Oddly, the day before it had passed 78-75. Phillip Shea, a Democrat and former Golden Gloves boxer, said he feared the bill would leave the "back door" open for future legislation that would endorse homosexual lifestyles.

San Diego: "Two or three petition-gatherers" in San Diego may have forged thousands of signatures on Sen. John Briggs' anti-homosexual initiative last year.

Deputy District Attorney James Hamilton said Tuesday that the suspects left town and the investigation has been closed.

The initiatives would have qualified for the ballot even without the forgeries. Briggs, R-Fullerton, sponsored them both but wasn't a target of the investigation.

Get the Word Out

SEPTEMBER

- 2—SUN Labor Day Campout Extravaganza. Sponsored by all the local bars. 2 pools. Helvetia Park. 5 miles out on River Road (16). Dancing/Food/Beer. \$7 in adv. \$10 at gate. Don't miss it.
- 5—WED Families and Friends of Gays. 7:30 p.m., St. Francis School cafeteria, 25th and K streets. Guest speaker will be Mr. Alan Robertson, Executive Director of California Human Rights Advocates. For information Call Ellen Cress 442-0576.
- 6—THURS. ADVOCATES FOR GAY STATE EMPLOYEES. Incredible Edible. Alhambra & N Sts. 6 p.m.
- 7—FRI Le Theatre Lesbien presents "Cowdykes At The Lavender Corral" in the Playwright's Theatre on the C.S.U.S. campus. 8 p.m. \$3.00 donation at the door. No child care.
- 7—FRI MUSIC EXTRAVAGANZA AT MCC. Gospel groups, singles, Guitars Unlimited, and hosts of others will make up this night of musical celebration at MCC.

- 8—SAT GAY ACTIVIST TROY D. PERRY is joined by SACRAMENTO MAYOR PHILLIP ISENBERG at MCC's Community Banquet. Tickets available at MCC, \$10. (916) 451-5552. No-Host Bar 7 p.m.; Banquet 8 p.m. Mansion Inn, 700 16th St.
- 8—SAT see 7th, Friday for Le Theatre Lesbien's "Cowdykes At The Lavender Corral".
- 9—SAT Sacramento Speakers Bureau Potluck. 4 to 11 p.m. Open to non-members. Call Kathleen at 441-2997.
- 9—SUN DAVIS GAY TASK FORCE MTG. 433 Russell Blvd. 4:30 p.m.
- 9—SUN TROY D. PERRY, noted gay activist, author, and founder of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches will preach two dynamic messages at 11 a.m. and 7:15 p.m. MCC, 2741 34th St., 451-5552.
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- 11—TUE River City Business Association Meeting. Incredible Edible. 5:30 p.m. All Welcome. for get the word out
- 12—WED Sacramento Speakers Bureau Meeting. 7:30 p.m. William Land Elementary School, 2120 12th Street. Discussion of proposed bylaws, open to all interested community members.
- 13—THURS. River City Business Association. General Meeting. Whistle Stop in Old Sacramento. 7:30 p.m. All welcome. A special speaker is on the program for the evening.
- 13—THURS. CHRISTOPHER ISHERWOOD will read from his books at Everett Jr. High School, 540 Church St., San Francisco. 8 p.m. Tickets \$5, at Paperback Traffic and Dalton Books in S.F. Benefit for Gay Rights Advocates.
- 14—FRI GAY/LESBIAN POTLUCK in

Davis. 7:30 p.m. Call 753-2090 for location.

- 14—FRI see 7th, Friday for Le Theatre Lesbien's "Cowdykes At The Lavender Corral"
- 15—SAT WOMEN OVER 35 Potluck. At Donna Kovaleske's 544 Kegle Dr. Broderick. 372-3164. Call Dean for info. 371-3497. All Women Welcome!
- 19—WED NOW meeting. Minority women and the Feminist movement YWCA. 17th and L at 7 p.m.
- 20—THURS. Way Station Bylaws Meeting
- 24—MON. MOM... GUESS WHAT...! Staff Meeting. 2115 Real Estate Place. 7:30 p.m. All Invited!
- 28—FRI GAY/LESBIAN POTLUCK in Davis. 7:30 p.m. Call 753-2090 for location.
- 29—SAT GAY/BI/STRAIGHT DANCE 9:30-1:30 a.m. at the Silo. Sponsored by the U.C. Davis Gay Students Union. 753-2090.

OCTOBER

- 13—SAT SACRAMENTO SYMPHONY CONCERT. Carter Nice, conductor; Steven De Groot, pianist. Beethoven: Leonore Overture No. 3, Prokofiev: Piano Concerto No. 3, Tchaikovsky: Symphony No. 4. Community enter Theatre. Sat., 8:30 p.m. Sun. 3 p.m. 488-0800 for information.
- 13—SAT. First Annual Masque Ball \$8/\$10. 7 p.m. Lady Garnet Presents. 371-2472, 758-3470.

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ONGOING DATES

- HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION 4th Wed. 7 pm. City Hall
- C.H.R.A. (Gay Lobby) 2nd Monday 448-6666
- N.O.W. 3rd Wednesday, 7:00 YWCA
- GAY ROLLER SKATING Every other Monday & Thursday

- CSUS GAY PEOPLES UNION Every Thursday, 7 pm. Miwok Rm. 3rd Floor, Student Union
- TUES. GAY RAP GROUP Every Tues. 7 pm 2741 34th St. 451-5552
- CSUS BI-SUPPORT Every Wed. Noon til 2 pm. 454-6817
- GAY ALCOHOLICS ANON. MCC 2741 34th St., Mon., Wed., Fri., 8 pm.
- INTERFACE (Gay Radio) Saturdays 6 pm - 7 pm News. Interviews. Music KXPR 88.9 FM
- G.N.I.E. First Monday 8 pm.

- GAY/BI SUPPORT GROUP Every Wed., 7:30 pm, 325 North Hall, UC Davis.
- MOM... GUESS WHAT...! STAFF MEETINGS. 4th Monday, 7:30 pm, Real Estate Place, 2115 J St.
- GEORGE SAND 1st Tues. 7:30 pm at the Del Prado Restaurant, 1403 I St.
- DIGNITY/Sacramento 2nd Sunday each month—3 pm. Mass & Meeting. St. Francis Chapel, 26th & K St. 448-3777
- LESBIANS OVER 35 Potluck 3rd Saturday, 7 pm. 371-3496 or 756-7213 for location/info.

- RIVER CITY BUSINESS ASSN. 2nd Thurs. 7:30 at the Whistle Stop Restaurant. Call for Bd. meeting date
- MCC CHURCH WORSHIP Services, Sun. 11 a.m. & 7:15 p.m. Wed. 7:15 p.m. 2741 34th St. 451-5552
- SAC-VALLEY GAY SPEAKERS BUREAU 2nd Wednesday, 7:30 pm, Incredible Edible.

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- SAC-VALLEY GAY SPEAKERS BUREAU 2nd Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., William Land Elementary School, 2120 12th Street.
- CALIFORNIA HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCATES 1107 9th Rm 1019 Sac., Ca. 95814 448-6666
- DIGNITY Box 161765 Sac. 448-3777
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- THE WAY STATION 1403 I St., Sac. 447-1171
- GAY PEOPLE'S UNION, CSUS 6000 J St., Sac. 454-6595
- TUES. GAY RAP GROUP 2741 34th St. 451-5552
- GAY ACADEMIC UNION, BAY AREA CHAPTER 2nd Sunday each month, 2:00 p.m. at Western Addition Library, Geary and Scott, SF. 362-8283 in Sacto., for info.
- WOMEN OVER 35 Joy or Dean 371-3496
- DAVIS GAY STUDENTS UNION 433 Russell Blvd. 753-2090
- CAMPING WOMEN 2770 Armstrong Dr., Sa. 95825 488-1297

- NAT'L ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN Box 1404, Sacramento 3rd Wed. 7:00 YWCA 443-3470
- VALLEY KNIGHTS MOTORCYCLE CLUB Box 8163 Sac.
- HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION 1401 21 St. #203 Sac. 444-6903
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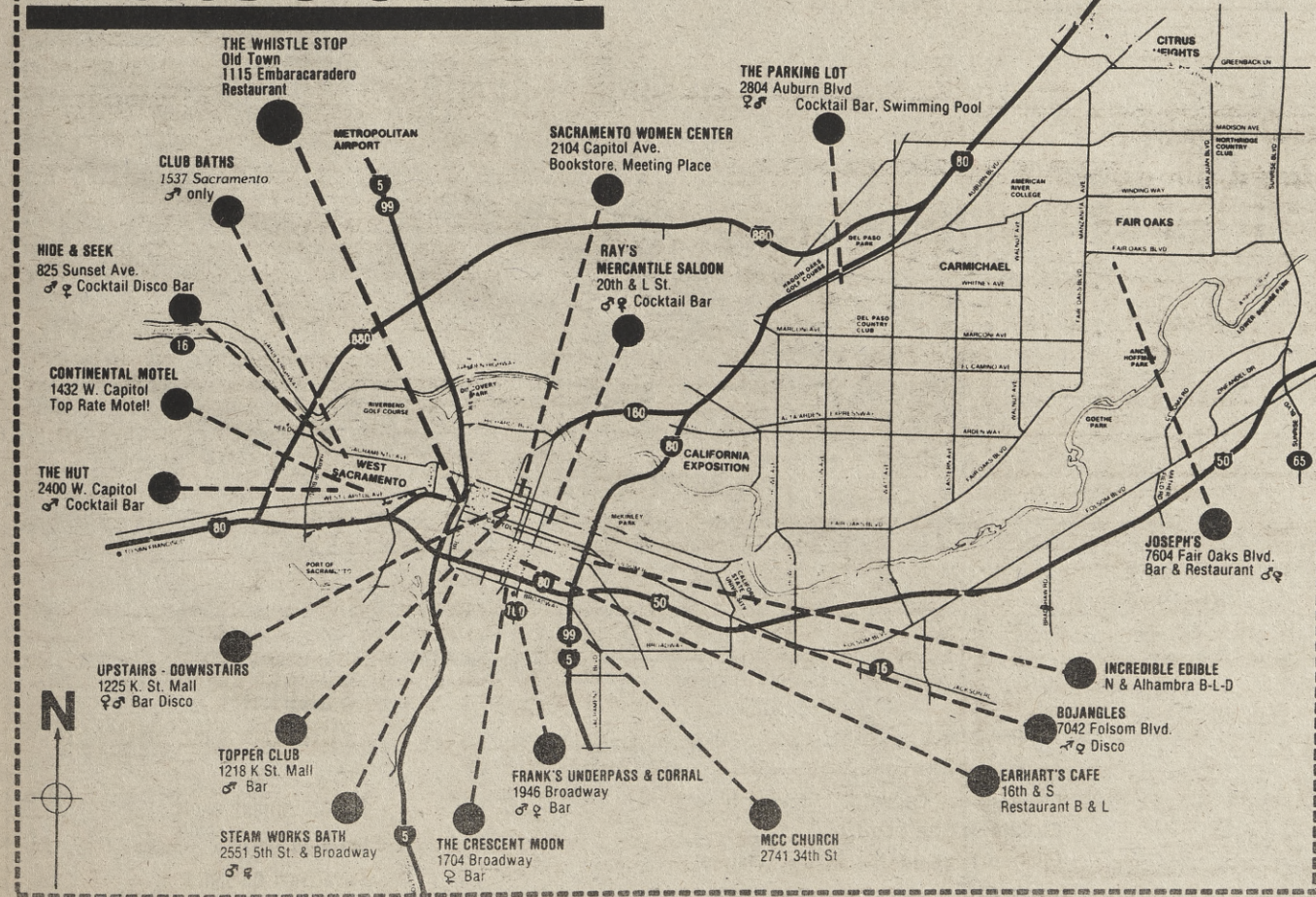
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